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CALL UP LONDON ON PHONE!

HONGKONG POSSIBILITY IN NEAR FUTURE.

WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE NEGOTIATIONS.

READY IN TWO YEARS.

SUBJECT to the successful outcome of negotiations at present in hand, the benefits of a wireless telephony service will be available to the Colony, with a reasonable expectation that, within two years, a telephone subscriber in Hongkong will be able to put through a call to England, with subsequent extension to embrace all the important cities of the world.

An intimation to this effect, which is of first-rate importance to the Colony, was made by Mr. J. Scott Harston when presiding at the annual shareholders' meeting of the Hongkong Telephone Co., Ltd., this morning. It was also stated that the work on the Canton trunk line should be completed by August this year, when facilities for making thirty simultaneous calls will be available.

A warning was given that increased subscription rates might be brought into operation unless there is a material recovery in the dollar in the near future, although every endeavour would be made to keep rates at their present low level.

TELEPHONE COMPANY MEETING.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report of the Directors and statement of accounts for financial year ending 31st December 1930, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure, and take them as read. The Auditors' Report is as follows:—
"We have audited the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Company monthly for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have also conducted an audit of the Share Transfers and Registers of the Company throughout the year and have found same in order. In our opinion the above balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Limited, as at 31st December, 1930, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Company.—Low, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, Auditors, Hongkong, 9th February, 1931."

You will observe from the Auditors' Report that an audit of the share transfers and registers of the company has been conducted throughout the year, and I am confident that the policy of your Board in arranging for this audit, as an additional precaution in the interests of your Company, will have the endorsement of shareholders.

Increased Royalties.

With regard to the accounts, you will observe from perusal of the debit side of the Profit and Loss Account, that the amount of the royalties payable to the Government continues to increase each year, and that for the year under review such amount is \$1,499.00 in excess of the sum paid for the previous year.

The item in respect of "Bad Debts" is a negligible amount, and it would be superfluous for me to refer thereto, except to state that your Board feel that the figure can only be kept down to its present satisfactory level by a continuation of your Company's system of deposits, to which I have already referred from the chair on previous occasions.

Dollar Drop Offset.

Turning now to the credit side of the Profit and Loss Account, I would draw your attention to the item "Interest, Dividends and Exchange", and would point out that the sum shown is composed for

the most part of the earnings on the investments representing the Company's Reserve Fund. This sum, together with that shown at the credit of the items "Sales of Obsolete Stores and Plant", "Profit on Sale of Investment", and "Premium on Shares", coupled with the increase in revenue subscriptions resulting from additional lines connected up during the year, have helped to counteract the increased working costs caused by the serious decline in the sterling value of the Hongkong dollar. In connexion with the item "Sale of Obsolete Stores and Plant", I am pleased to say that your Company has been able to dispose of a considerable amount of old magnetophone plant, which was written off on the change-over to automatic working, and believes that a good demand for the balance still exists. The profit on sale of investment was one which occurred because, owing to the appreciation of the market value thereof, your Directors were of the opinion that realization of the investment referred to should be effected. As regards the premium on shares, this resulted from the sale of the balance of 73 unissued shares.

The usual bonus to the European staff has been provided for in the Profit and Loss Account, and I have no doubt such provision will be approved by shareholders, in view of the heavy work entailed during the period covered by the change-over from manual to automatic working.

With regard to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will notice that (if you approve your Directors' recommendation that \$50,000 be appropriated thereto for the year under review) the General Reserve Account will stand at \$275,000. On the assets side of the balance sheet, this particular Account is represented by sound investments—in which relation it is gratifying to note the appreciation of the latter, as indicated by the difference between the cost price and the market value thereof as at 31st December, 1930.

Reserve Provisions.

When I addressed you from the chair at the last annual general meeting, I laid stress on the advisability of increasing the yearly appropriation to General Reserve, which is at present limited under the terms of the Company's franchise to \$50,000 per annum, and your Directors still have this matter in mind. In the circumstances, I feel that it is opportune to make further reference to the

THREE MINISTERS IN ILL-HEALTH.

SIR WILLIAM JOWITT OFF
FOR REST CURE.

MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN.

London, Mar. 10.
Two other members of the Labour Ministry, in addition to Mr. Snowden, have been forced to abandon their duties temporarily on account of ill-health.

The condition of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is suffering from cystitis, following influenza, was to-day reported to be unchanged.

Sir William Jowitt, the Attorney-General, left London to-day to take a complete rest on medical advice. He is going to a quiet seaside resort near Lisbon.

Sir William Jowitt has been working at high pressure for the last twelve months, and after taking part in the Imperial Conference and the Round Table Conference, he conducted the Trade Disputes Bill through the House of Commons and the Standing Committee until it was withdrawn. He will be away in Portugal for a few weeks.

Mr. Roberts, the Minister of Pensions, is also reported to be suffering from influenza.—*Reuter.*

BROPHY OFF AND BACK AGAIN!

FLIES FOR AN HOUR THIS
TIME.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Macao, Mar. 11.
Mr. G. W. Brophy took off to-day at eight o'clock to make another attempt to fly direct from Macao to Manila.

At first it was thought that he was away at last, but he returned just after nine o'clock.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN BERLIN.

COMING TO THE FAR EAST
VERY SOON.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
Charlie Chaplin, the famous cinema star, arrived in Berlin yesterday, where he was accorded a rousing welcome. He told his interviewers that he intended to visit Moscow and Japan, travelling via Siberia.

The famous screen star expects to arrive at Tokyo about the end of next month, and after a short stay in Japan he will visit Shanghai and possibly other parts of China.

OIL FINDS IN THE EAST INDIES.

DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S
CONCESSIONS.

The Hague, Mar. 10.
Oil diggings in the Dutch East Indies were discussed in the Second Chamber to-day, when approval was given to two Bills authorising the Government to conclude agreements with the Colonial Petroleum Company and the Batavia Petroleum Company. The agreements have reference to concessions of prospecting and exploitation rights in oil in certain areas in the Dutch East Indies.—*Reuter.*

WORLD'S LARGEST WARSHIP.

H.M.S. HOOD COMMISSIONED
AT PORTSMOUTH.

London, Mar. 10.
The battle cruiser Hood, the world's largest warship, was commissioned at Portsmouth to-day after reconstruction in the Dockyard at a cost of \$687,000. She now carries a catapult for launching aircraft.

Following her trials she becomes, on May 12th, the flagship of the Battle Cruiser Squadron.—*British Wireless.*

U.S. GOVERNMENT'S LOSS.

Baltimore, Mar. 10.
The death has occurred of the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph Cotton.—*Reuter's American Service.*

LABOUR PARTY EXPELS SIR OSWALD MOSLEY.

GUILTY OF GROSS
DISLOYALTY.

FROM OBSCURITY TO
NOTORIETY.

BAN ON NEW PARTY.

London, Mar. 10.
Sir Oswald Mosley, the wealthy Baronet, socialist, was expelled from the Labour Party (as distinct from the Parliamentary Labour Party, which he resigned) at a meeting to-day of the National Executive Committee. The expulsion was ordered on the ground of "gross disloyalty."

The Executive Committee also passed a resolution declaring that adhesion to Sir Oswald Mosley's proposed New Party is incompatible with membership of the Labour Party.—*Reuter.*

The casting-out of Sir Oswald Mosley completes the break which has been rapidly developing between the Labour Party and the extremist Left Wing. The action has been, more or less, invited by Sir Oswald.

Attack on Government.

In the recent Parliamentary debate on the Liberal unemployment motion, the would-be leader of the "New Party" admitted that the Government's programme of constructive work represented a great amount of Government activity, but said it was idle to pretend it had any serious relation to the magnitude of the problem confronting us, or to the pledges given by the Labour Party. The complacency of the Prime Minister was, he declared, perhaps one of the most serious dangers to the country at the present time.

Pampered Darlings.

It was absurd and fantastic to suggest that those who advocated the raising of a loan for large scale works, proposed to raise the money in advance and afterwards devote means to spend it. The Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Government were in effect demanding that every detail of engineering plans should be passed by the Treasury, before its consent was given, and directly one came to the point of proposing schemes of a scale for which a loan would be necessary, they were turned down as impracticable.

The resistance of the Treasury to a loan was as great as under the late Government, though it was not offered so openly. Practically the only reason was the object of debt conversion. The Treasury mind was concentrated on keeping up gilt-edged securities at the expense of industry. The rentier class was the pampered darling of the Government. "I know," he added, "because I am one of them—(laughter)—economically, though not politically."

"Old Woman in a Fright."

Referring to Mr. Snowden's speech on Economy, Sir Oswald said that after a long period of fatuous optimism the Government had been driven in a panic to put forward. It was another case of men who could not see danger before them until it hit them in the face. Then they ran to and fro like a chicken before a motor-car, cackling the economy cry of their opponents. (Laughter.) The suggestion of putting the nation to bed on starvation diet was the suggestion of an old woman in a fright. (Laughter.) They wanted a policy of manhood which would take the nation into the fields and build up its constitution and its vigour. The way to meet the situation was not by the negative of panic, but by the positive of action. (Socialist cheers.)

"Jimmy" Thomas's Retort.

Mr. J. H. Thomas (Dominions Secretary), referred to Sir Oswald Mosley's speech as a very personal and a very mean one. "It is hardly fair," he said, "for one with such a long standing in our movement, to make such a personal attack on the Prime Minister, whose only crime was to bring Sir

SUEZ CANAL DUES PROTEST.

SHIP-OWNERS REQUEST A
REDUCTION.

TRADE HANDICAP.

London, Mar. 10.
Recent criticism of the charges on shipping passing through the Suez Canal was brought to the stage of formal protest to-day at a meeting of the Shipping Merchants' Committee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

The Committee passed a resolution expressing the opinion that the high dues charged by the Suez Canal Company represent a serious disadvantage to British trade in the Far East, and to the advantage of inter-Asian and other competitive trades which are free from the heavy burden of the dues. The Committee urges His Majesty's Government, as the largest individual shareholder in the Canal Company, to use its influence to secure a reduction of the dues to five gold francs per ton, in respect of loaded ships, and to 2½ per cent. per ton in respect of ships in ballast.

This, it is pointed out, would be in accordance with the arrangement made in 1883 between British shipowners and the Canal Company.—*Reuter.*

PRESIDENT FOR THREE DAYS.

PERUVIAN LEADER LACKS
FURTHER AMBITION.

New York, Mar. 10.
After weeks of vicissitudes, Peru seems to be settling down to a period of responsible government. Colonel David Ocampo, the head of the Southern Junta, has accepted the provisional Presidency offered to him by Colonel Jimenez, the head of the Northern Junta who has been President for the past three days.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CHINESE MINISTER ENTERTAINED.

FRENCH CONGRATULATIONS
TO NANKING.

Paris, Mar. 10.
A group of Chamber Deputies interested in Franco-Chinese relations entertained the Chinese Minister to Brussels to-day.

The Chinese Minister made an important statement regarding the political situation in China, particularly in reference to the plans of the Nationalist Government for the future in the organisation of measures for rehabilitation. At the conclusion of the address, the Deputies passed a vote of thanks, congratulating the Chinese Government on their efforts.—*Haveas.*

RUBBER RESTRICTION PROPOSALS.

RETICENCE REGARDING THE
DUTCH SCHEME.

Amsterdam, Mar. 10.
The Dutch Rubber Committee is very reticent in regard to the recent proceedings in London, but according to the *Handelsblad*, it is believed that a scheme has been adopted based upon the Maxwell proposals. The Dutch scheme, it is understood, will in the next fortnight be submitted for consideration by circles interested in rubber, both in Holland and Great Britain.—*Reuter.*

HIGHER RAILWAY FARES.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
In view of the present sterling exchange, the management of the Shanghai-Hangchow and Shanghai-Nanking Railways are considering increasing the passenger and freight rates.

Oswald from obscurity to notoriety. (Cheers and laughter.) "I speak for the movement when I say we shall always be better pleased to be hit full in the face than stabbed in the back." (Cheers and laughter.)

TORY VOLTE-FACE ON INDIA.

EVENING NEWSPAPERS SCANDALISED.

BALDWIN ACCUSED OF DESERTING
HIS FRIEND.

EXPLANATION ISSUED.

THE CONSERVATIVE volte-face in declining to co-operate in further meetings of the Round Table Conference in India, is roundly condemned by London's evening newspapers, Mr. Baldwin being openly accused of betraying his friend, Lord Irwin. The "Evening News" says that the Duke of Plaza-Toro was Bayard and Rustum combined compared with Mr. Baldwin.

The Conservative leader now declares that his surprise announcement does not represent a new declaration of policy. It is characterised as Mr. Baldwin's considered view as regards the right procedure. He does not consider that the time is opportune for the holding of further Round Table discussions.

The new spirit in India is illustrated by an incident in a foreign-cloth market in Bombay. Congress volunteers attempted to interfere with the sale of foreign cloth and were badly knocked about. The dealers, however, decided to close down the market for a week, pending the arrival of Mr. Gandhi to put matters right.

DESERTION OF LORD IRWIN.

BITTER CRITICISM OF
MR. BALDWIN.

London, Mar. 10.
The gravity of the Conservative change of front to the India problem and the Round Table Conference, is illustrated by the comments in the evening papers. The *Evening Standard* (a Benvenuto organ) says that while Mr. Arthur Duff Cooper, Mr. Baldwin's champion at St. George's, Westminster, by-election, was declaring in a speech yesterday evening that a recent cartoon in an evening paper ridiculing Lord Irwin should be treated as a treasonable offence, Mr. Baldwin was doing far worse.

Desertion Charged.

Mr. Baldwin was deserting Lord Irwin whom he had vehemently supported hitherto.

The *Evening Standard* adds that the effect of this amazing reversal of attitude is that Mr. Baldwin has damaged himself, the Conservative Party and the country.

The *Evening News* (a Rothermere organ) says that the Duke of Plaza-Toro was a Bayard and a Rustum combined compared with Mr. Baldwin who has so suddenly withdrawn the support from which his friend, Lord Irwin, has hitherto derived such comfort.

Tory Fanaticism.

The *Star*, the Liberal evening paper, says that a week ago Hindu fanatics were obstructing the possibility of peace. Now Tory fanaticism is barring the way to peace and progress. It is unthinkable that a Party which has prided itself on its responsibility in Imperial affairs should have thrown in its hand at one of the great crises in the Empire's history.

An authoritative interpretation of the announcement that Mr. Baldwin had decided that the Conservative Party could not be represented at any further meetings of the Round Table Conference in India, will, it is expected, be given during the India debate in the Commons on Thursday.

Mr. Baldwin's Intention.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the Conservative leader's intention was to indicate merely that in the view of his party the proposal to hold the Round Table Conference in India in the near future was not acceptable.

INDIAN BUSINESS REACTION.

"PEACEFUL PICKETING"
ARRANGEMENT.

Bombay, Mar. 10.
Following recent fighting at Muljitha Market (Bombay's biggest foreign cloth market), in which several Congress volunteers were badly knocked about while endeavouring to interfere with a seller of foreign cloth, the Native Piece-Goods Merchants' Association has decided to close the Market until the arrival of Gandhi on March 16.

It is hoped that with the arrival of the Congress leader, the methods of "peaceful picketing" provided for in the Irwin-Gandhi settlement can be agreed, and an arrangement reached for the disposal of foreign piece-goods.

Constitutional Vow.

A year ago Gandhi vowed he would not return to his seminary at Ahmedabad till a Constitution acceptable to the All-India Congress was achieved by the Round Table Conference.

Asked what he would do if the forthcoming meeting of the Congress at Karachi rejected the Irwin-Gandhi agreement, Gandhi replied that in that case he would not be called to the Round Table Conference.—*Reuter.*

Authoritative Statement.

The criticism of the decision led to the publication of an authoritative Conservative statement earlier than was expected.

It says that the Conservatives do not object in principle to a further Round Table Conference in India if such should prove desirable, in due course, but they object to such a conference at the present time on the grounds of procedure.

They consider the present atmosphere in India unsuitable for such a Conference. They also contend that the Government has not initiated the preliminary enquiries they expected before the holding of a further Round Table Conference. It is declared that Mr. Baldwin's decision is in no way a new declaration of policy, but merely a statement of the Conservative view regarding the present situation.

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HONGKONG WATER SUPPLY.
REVIEW BY DR. MINETT AT
ROTARY CLUB.
SEAWATER QUESTION.

Speaking at the Rotary Club
tiffin yesterday, Dr. E. P. Minnett,
of the Bacteriological Institute,
spoke on Hongkong's water
supply, dealing with the source of
supply, its collection, filtration,
reservoir capacities, consumption
and purification, in the course of
which he pointed out the difficulty
was not that enough rain did not
fall in Hongkong, but that most of
it could not be collected.
The Chairman, Sir William
Hornell welcomed Rotarian George
S. Parker, President of the Parker
Pen Company, of Janesville, Wis-
consin, U.S.A., and Past-President
of the Janesville Rotary Club;
Professor J. Huizinga, Professor
of History in the University of
Leyden, and President of the Royal
Academy of Sciences in the
Netherlands; Mr. R. D. Arnold,
Yunnanfu, and Mr. New, Singa-
pore; and three new local mem-
bers, Rotarian F. Mason, Rotarian
D. L. Maynard and Rotarian M. F.
Key.

After Mr. Parker had thanked
them for their hospitality, paid a
tribute to the Rotarian spirit, and
reminded them that they could do
quite a lot of good with a Rotary
Club, Dr. E. P. Minnett spoke on
"The Water Supply of Hongkong."

He said:—The water supplies of
Hongkong as regards fresh water
can be summed up in the one
word "rain," as whether you get
it from the tap or draw it up from
a well the original source is the
same. The following factors influ-
ence the rainfall here:—Situation,
Lat. 20° N. Long. 114° E.
Temperature, averages 72° F.,
ranging from 59° F. in February to
82° F. in July. Extremes of 32°
F. and 97° F. have been recorded.
Humidity is affected by the tem-
perature. The average is about
77 per cent. of saturation, ranging
from 66 per cent. in November to
84 per cent. in April. A minimum
of 4 per cent. has been recorded
and complete saturation 100 per
cent. is of fairly frequent occur-
rence.

The Source.
The average rainfall is 85.7
inches per annum. The lowest re-
corded was 45.8 inches, and the
highest, 119.7 inches. This com-
pares very favourably with Great
Britain; 30 to 40 inches. The
rainy season is supposed to extend
from May to September, necessitat-
ing about seven months storage.
Usually June, July and August are
the three wettest months, with
about 15 inches each. This rain-
fall is largely affected by the
presence or absence of typhoons.
One inch of rain falling on an acre
of land represents 22,617 gallons.

Reservoirs.
The catchment area on the
Island is 3,278 acres, and on the
mainland for Kowloon reservoir,
4,270 acres. We have no natural
reservoirs such as lakes or rivers
and as the Island is simply a
granite cone, reservoirs have to be
specially constructed at great ex-
pense. They are Tylam, Wong
Nei Chong, Aberdeen, Pokfulam,
Shaikwan and Chai Wan, with
two large reservoirs on the Kow-
loon side. Water received into
these reservoirs is very soft, the
average hardness being 2.5 parts
per 100,000, excellent for drink-
ing, laundry, and trade purposes,
but slightly deficient in lime.

The quality, as regards pollu-
tion, of the raw water, varies with
the season of the year. It is poor
in the early part of the rainy
season when the falling rain
washes all sorts of pollution down
into the reservoirs, but it gradu-
ally improves after the rainy season
is over, owing to self-purification,
especially the Kowloon water.
Houston gives the storage safety
figure as two months, but we often
get six.

Hongkong reservoir capacity is
2,210.71 million gallons, and Kow-
loon 501.95 million gallons. Three

privately owned reservoirs have
a total capacity of 178.7 million
gallons. A new reservoir under
construction at Aberdeen is 175
million gallons, and Kowloon
Bywash reservoir another 175
million gallons. The Shing Mun
Valley scheme is estimated to
yield 2,000 million gallons, avail-
able in Hongkong by pipe line
across the harbour.

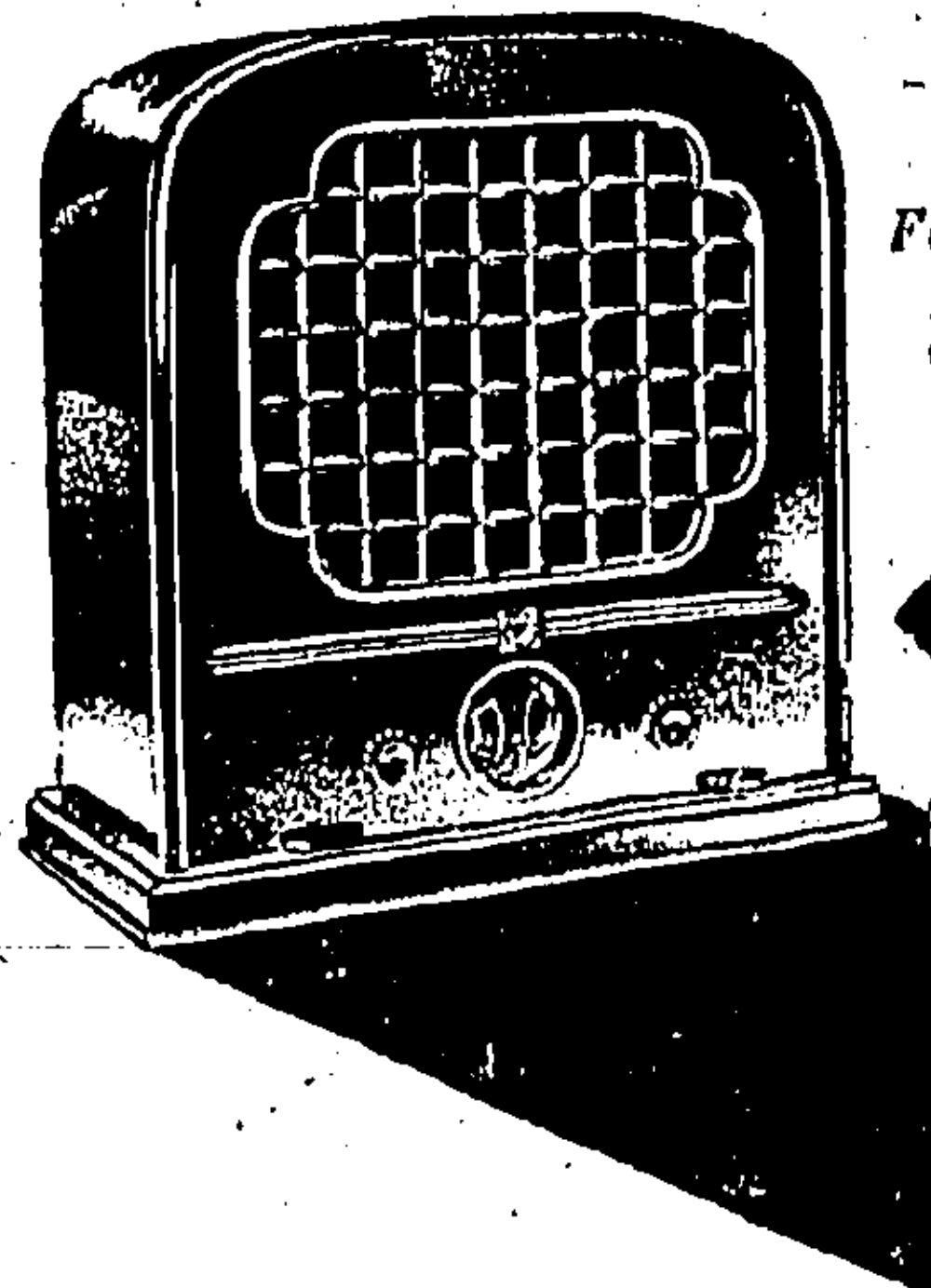
Average consumption in Hong-
kong is 10.5 million gallons per
day, taking the population of
Hongkong as 435,000. This gives
an average consumption of 24 gal-
lons per head per day. Kowloon
consumes 4 million gallons per
day, and with an estimated popu-
lation of 175,000 this equals an
average consumption of 21 gallons
per head per day. These figures
apply only to the water delivered
from Government mains and does
not include the number of private
wells used for flushing purposes
in various residences.

Filtration.
Filtration is carried out in
Hongkong by eight filter beds, ar-
ranged along the hillside and sup-
plied with water from the reser-
voirs by means of an aqueduct.
These filter beds are all connect-
ed so that water can be drawn
into the beds from any of the re-
servoirs. The newer filters are
very up-to-date, being on the Pat-
erson rapid gravity system, and
give a first class water. The
quality of the filtered water is de-
pendent on the rate of filtration,
and in a lesser degree, upon the
raw water, which varies enor-
mously and that has to be care-
fully watched. For some unknown rea-
son the raw water on the Kowloon
side is nearly always superior to
that of Hongkong. All filter beds
are examined both chemically and
bacteriologically weekly. The fil-
ters are adjusted according to the
transparency of the water, which
varies from 4 centimetres to over
100 centimetres, necessitating a
constant change in the clarifying
charge. Chlorination is carried
out after filtration and before the
water enters storage tanks and
distributing mains. It is done
with chlorine gas by means of a
Paterson Chloronome. The quan-
tity used varies with the quality
of the water, and ranges usually
from a quarter part up to 1 part
per million. This is about the
same dose as is used in the Lon-
don water supplies, probably one
of the best in the world. There
seems to be a popular belief that
the purification of water by
chlorine is harmful. That is not
so, as the chlorine combines with
the water and gives off oxygen.
Typhoid bacilli cannot live in this
water, but, on the other hand,
instances have been recorded
where outbreaks of typhoid fever
and other water-borne diseases
have followed when chlorination
has been discontinued. Each fil-
ter bed normally supplies a
special area of the system, but all
mains can be connected up so that
the supply zone can be varied.
The amount of free chlorine, if
any, present in tap water sup-
plies, is estimated daily by the
Government Analyst.

Government Tests.
The purity of the tap water sup-
plies is tested by the Government
Bacteriologist, from four to six
samples being taken daily from
different parts of the City of Vic-
toria and Kowloon. A Bacterio-
logist can detect one part of
sewage in a million with ease.
Our water here is practically up
to the London standard. Should
a sample be below standard the
water authority is at once infor-
med and a further sample taken
after investigation. All water re-
ports are forwarded to the Water
Authority and the Hon. Director
of Medical and Sanitary Services
daily.

There are three private water
supplies on the Island fitted with
Bill's filters. One is examined by
the Government Bacteriologist
weekly and the others as request-
ed. The filtered water is of excel-
lent quality. The chemical analy-
sis shows total solids 3.6 to 11.8
parts per 100,000. Chlorine as
calculated 0.67 to 1.27. It is prac-
tically neutral in reaction. It is
a very good class of raw water as
would be expected from rain water
collected off granite surfaces.

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A word about well waters.
These are all of the "shallow"
type and practically none of them
are fit for drinking without puri-
fication. Their salt content varies
with the season and their proxi-
mity to the harbour. One, at
the Cricket Club, varies from 2.5
parts of sodium chloride to 30.69
parts per 100,000. Of the private
wells at Shek-O, those that I have
examined give a very good quality
of water.
In conclusion, Dr. Minnett dealt
with water obtained and tested
during the emergency in Hong-
kong, saying that the Hon. Direc-
tor of Medical and Sanitary Ser-
vices fixed the chlorine as 0.5
parts per million before issuing
the water, this being a very wise
precaution considering that pre-

vious filtration was not possible.
Dr. Minnett expressed his thanks
to the Hon. Director of Medical
and Sanitary Services and the
Water Authority for permission
to give the address.
Sewage System.
Replying to a question as to
whether the present water supply
would permit the use of a proper
and up-to-date water carriage
sewage system, Dr. Minnett said
that the answer was obviously
"No." Although they reckoned in
England that five gallons per
head was enough to give such a
sewage system, they had found
that in actual practice ten gallons
was required. If it was adopted
in Hongkong then all the water
supplies would practically have to
be doubled.

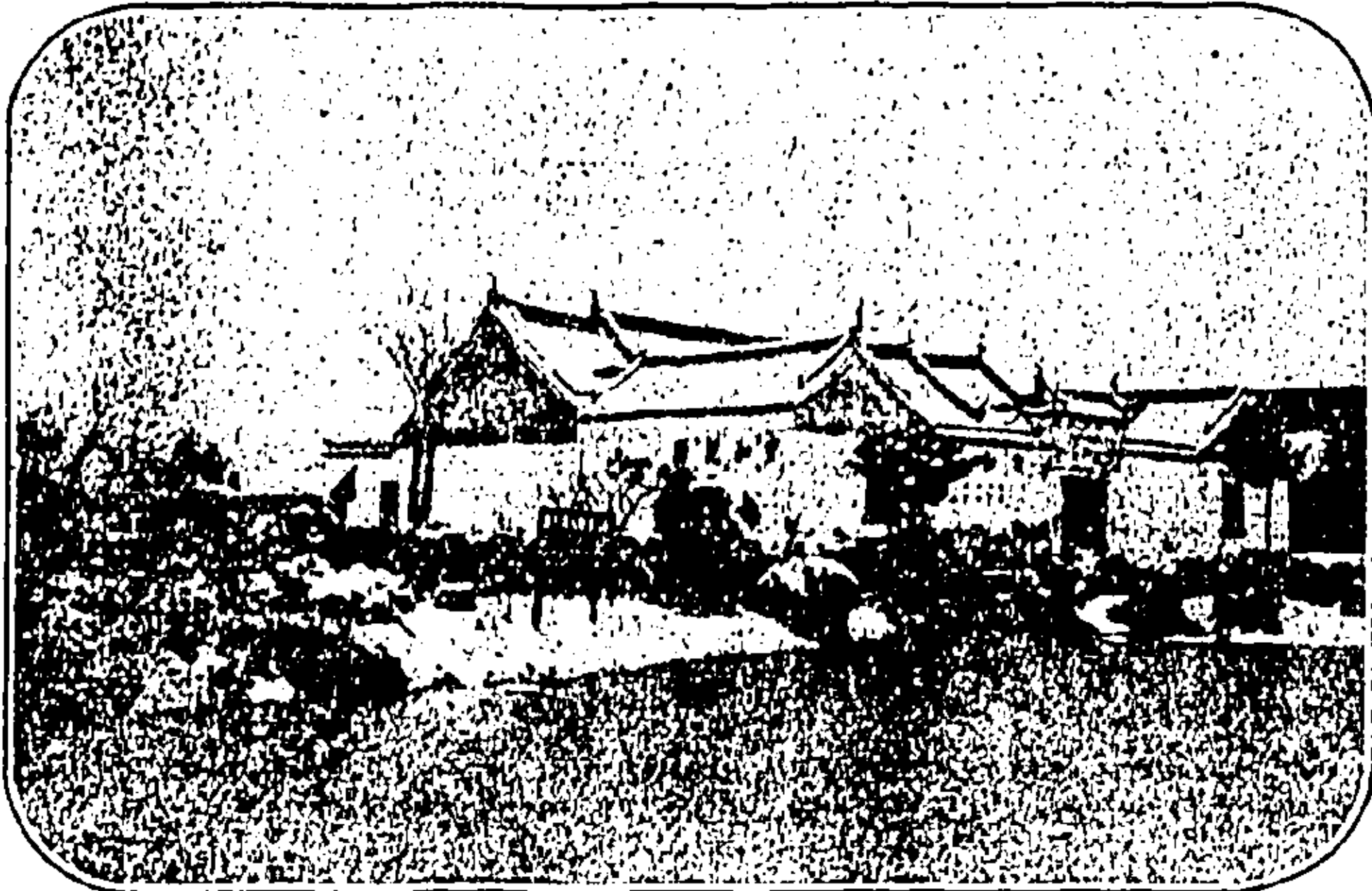
Even then it would not be pos-
sible to do it because the popula-
tion was greater than the figures
he had given. The trouble was
not that Hongkong did not get
enough rain, but that most of it
could not be collected.
Advancing a suggestion as a
solution to the problem, Dr. Minnett
said that sea water used for
sewage work had served perfectly
well in other Colonies and some-
thing in that line might be done
in Hongkong, fresh water being
kept for the upper levels. Bacterio-
logically, he added, there
was no reason why such a system
should not work satisfactorily.
Rotarian A. Woo expressed
thanks to Dr. Minnett for his ad-
dress.

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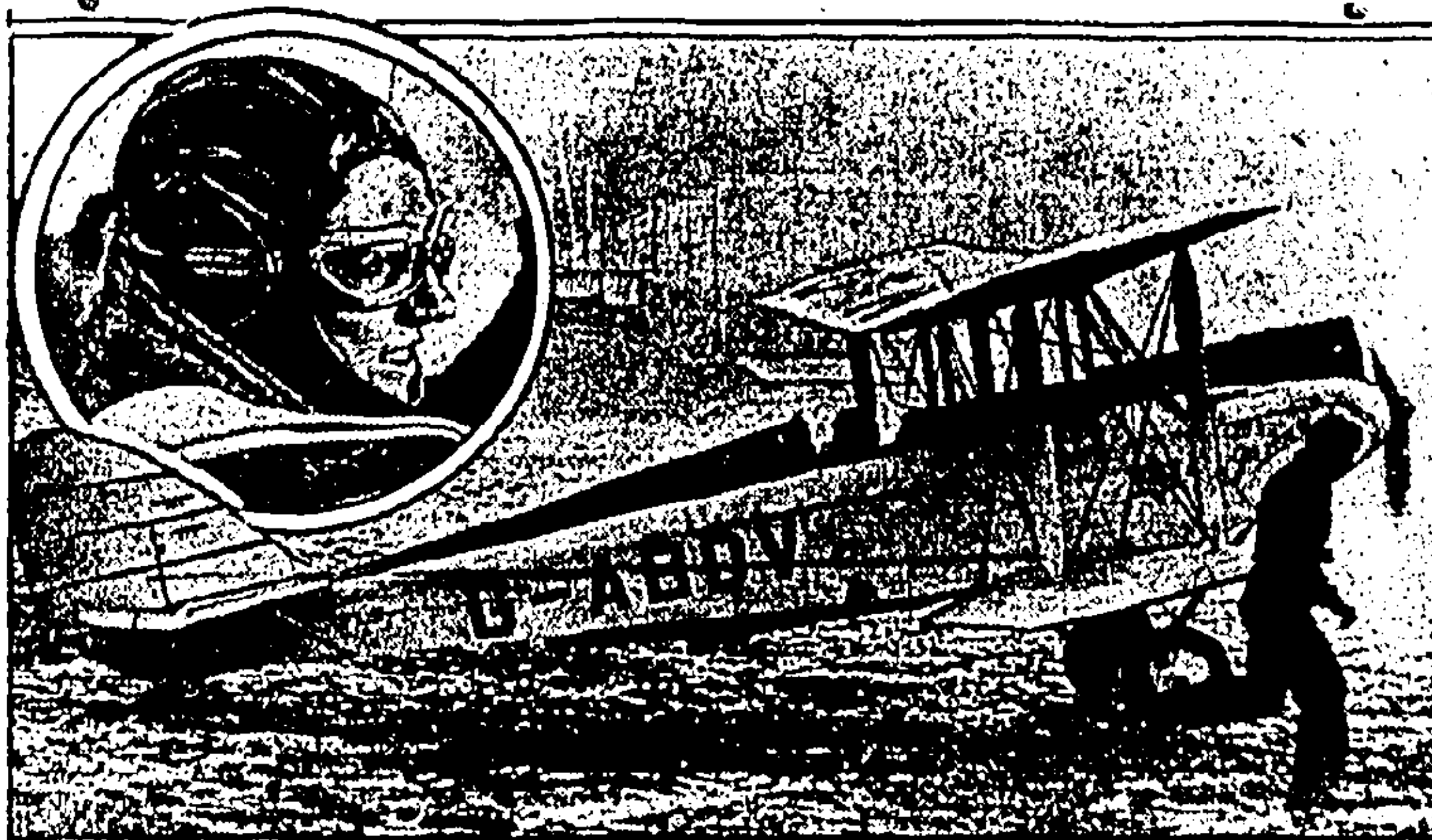
SALESMAN SAM
A Game Artist
By Small



Photo taken at the annual dinner of the staff of the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., Shanghai, which took place at "Ewo Lodge." All who attended unanimously agreed that it was the "best ever."



A capital picture of a Chinese temple garbed in snow during the recent severe weather experiences in North China. The snow, as an artist, exhibited many such beautiful etched scenes when it covered thousands of square miles with a blanket.



The terrible weather Miss Amy Johnson experienced on her projected flight to the Far East is shown above in the state of the ground at Cologne. Inset is the noted girl flier.



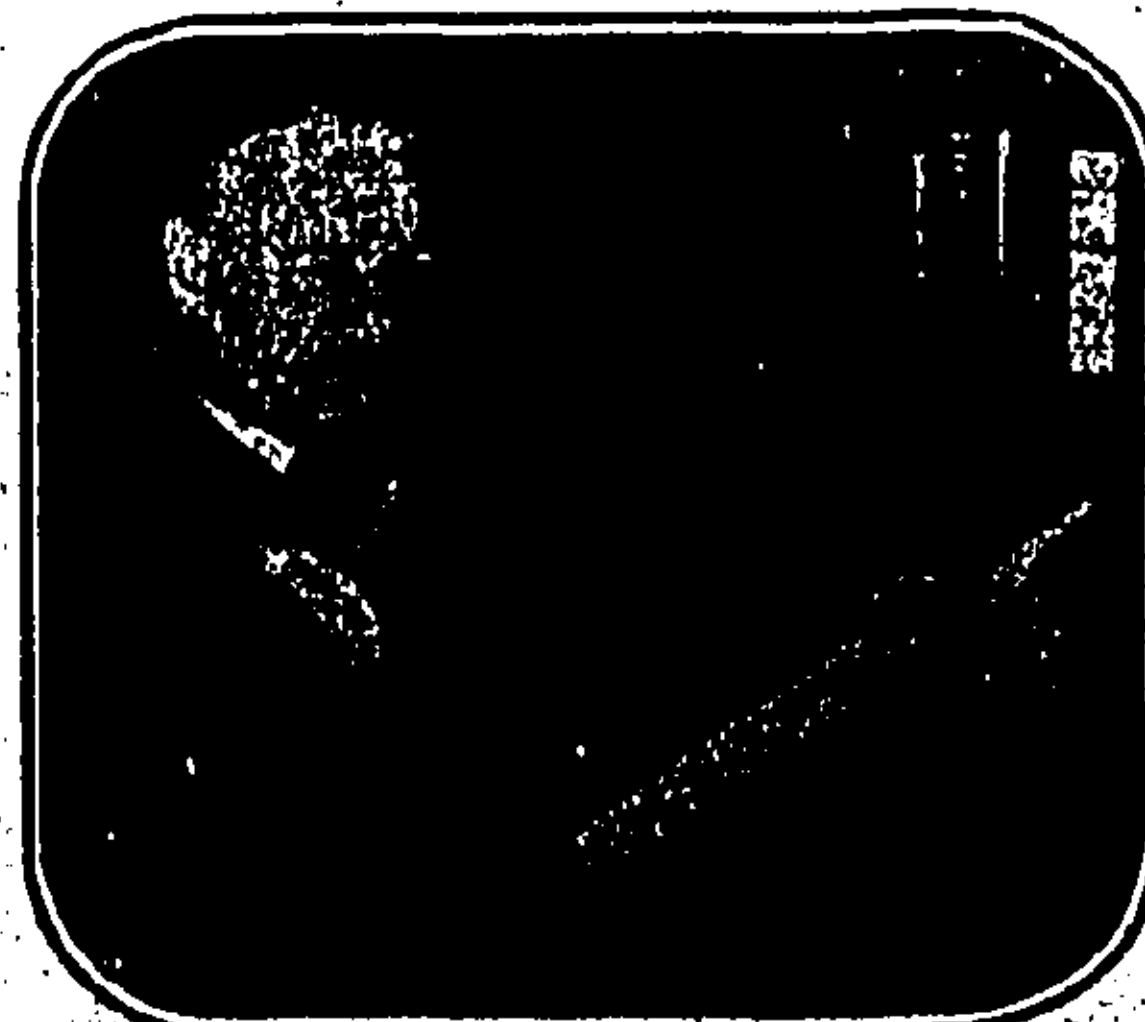
Pirates, Victorian ladies, a skeleton, and even "Topsy" rubbed shoulders at an enjoyable fancy dress dance held at the American Women's Club in Shanghai by members of the Drysdale Dramatic Club. The costumes were both attractive and original, and dancing continued until the early hours.



A recent Shanghai wedding was that of Miss Veronica Marguerite Roach to Mr. Charles Otis Julian, which was solemnized at the Catholic Convent Chapel by the Rev. Father MacDonald. Bridesmaids were: Misses Elaine Hargreaves, Winifred Walte, and Alice Roach. Mr. H. W. Brewer was best man, and the ushers were Messrs. Stevenson, O'Connor and Robert Roach.



Mr. and Mrs. Y. M. Inn, whose wedding took place recently.



A new picture of Sir Miles Lampson, after his recent holiday.

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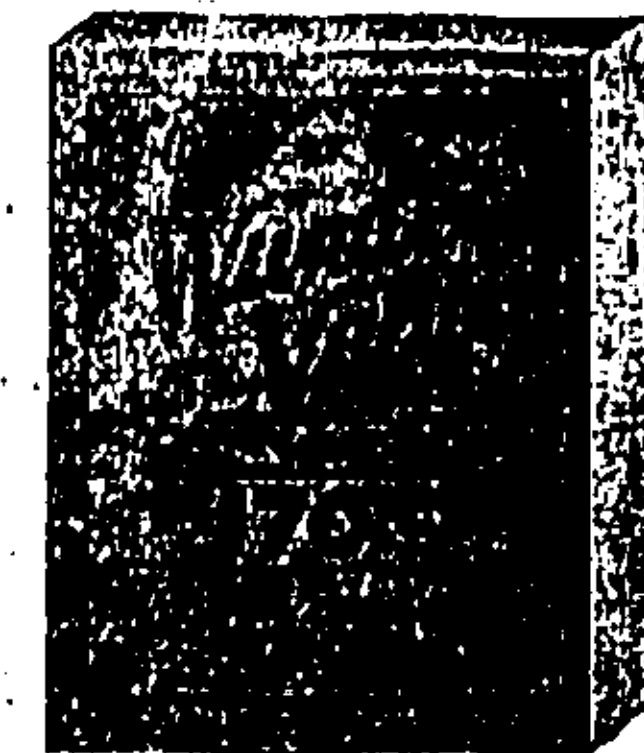
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667, 671, 678, 683, 685, 691, 695,
700, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,
733, 734, 737, 738, 759, 766.

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WANTED immediately for Malaya fully qualified and experienced European Reinforced Concrete Designer. Applicants must submit details of experience and training, salary required. Apply Box 769, "Hongkong Telegraph."

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LOST—Three BOOKS in leather case. Please return c/o "The Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET.—Ground Floor of No. 8A, Des Voeux Road Central, at present in the occupation of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank, available from 1st April, 1931. Apply to David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD., COPENHAGEN.

The Motor Vessel,

"ANNAM"

having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after 18th March, 1931, at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashie on the 17th March, 1931, at 10 a.m. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned before the 21st March, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

JOHN MANNING & CO. LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 11th March, 1931.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD. And CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

Consignees per Company's Vessel, "DOLUS"

From UNITED KINGDOM and CONTINENTAL PORTS via SINGAPORE.

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 11th March.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th March, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 31st March, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 11 March, 1931.

New Advertisements.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

MILLINGTON LIMITED.

Mr. Arthur Akhurst, late Chief Copy Writer in our Head Office Shanghai has been transferred to our Hongkong Branch as Assistant Manager and Superintendent of the Copy Department.

EDGAR E. STROTHER, MILLINGTON LIMITED, Manager (Hongkong).

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Third Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 Issue—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Wednesday, the 30th September, 1931, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Friday, the 20th March, 1931. Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON, Lieut. Col., Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

ASSOCIATION OF SUBSCRIBERS OF THE KOWLOON TONG BUILDING SCHEME.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the Subscribers of the above Scheme and of all others who may be owners of houses comprised in the Kowloon Tong Building Scheme will be held at the Garden City Club, 119, Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, on Saturday, the 14th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the following purpose:—

- To receive a Report of the Settlement of all outstanding matters other than the Flush System, from the Committee.
- To receive from the Committee a Statement of Account in connection with the dispute between the Subscribers, the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Company, Limited and the Government and the settlement of the same.
- To authorise the Committee of the Association of Subscribers of the Kowloon Tong Building Scheme to pay out of the surplus moneys now under their control, all legal and other expenses of the Committee in connection with the dispute between the Subscribers, the Kowloon Tong and New Territories Development Company, Limited and the Government and the settlement of the same.
- To authorise the Committee to sign on behalf of all Subscribers any Indemnity necessary to carry out the terms of settlement as provided by the terms of a letter written on behalf of the Government by the Colonial Secretary to Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master on behalf of the Subscribers and dated the 29th day of May, 1930.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1931.

By order of the Committee,

H. F. UN, Hon. Secretary.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The First Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 14th March, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.—for Gentlemen and \$3.—for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.—including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order,

C. R. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected or ill-treated in a manner likely to cause unnecessary suffering or injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning a child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at once with—

The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. c/o G.P.O. Box No. 513, Hongkong, or St. George's Building, Top floor. All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-sixth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Monday, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager's together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 11th day of March, to Tuesday, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-second Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED.

General Managers, The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, the 10th March, 1931, to Thursday, the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CRAPNEL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, the 18th March, 1931 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the

Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Lammert's Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY,

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

ALLAN KEITH, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$2030 b.
Chartered Bank \$17½ n.
Mercantile A. and B., 225 n.
East Asia \$110½ b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1320 sa.
Union Ins., 625 s.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.65 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fires, \$535 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$25 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26.50 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.
Mining.
Benguet, \$10¼ n.
Kallans, 35/- n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 6½ n.
Raua 40¼ n.
Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$10½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.35 n. (old).
Hongkows, Tls. 274 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5¼ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.
Cottons.
Ewo Canton Tls. 15.15 b.
Shai Cotton Tls. 104 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and H. Hotels, \$13 s.
H. K. Land \$55¼ b.
Shai Land Tls. 412 n.
Humphreys, \$13.85 n.
Realities, \$3.80 b.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$17.90 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14¼
Star Ferries, \$38 b.
China Lights, (old) \$25.20 sa.
H. K. Electric, \$81 sa.
Telephones, \$42 b.
China Buses, Tls. 18½ n.
Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.
Industrials.
China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$3.80 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$16.80 b.
Ropes, \$14 s.

NOTICE.

IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO OUR NOTICE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL CHINESE SHOEMAKERS ARE INFORMING THEIR CUSTOMERS THAT THEY ARE MAKING LADIES' SHOES FOR GORDONS, USING OUR LASTS.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 18th Feb.)	Kaga Maru	March 11.
Amoy and Swatow	Cromer	March 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sze Chuen	March 12.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 12th February and parcels 5th February)	Karmala	March 13.
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping	March 13.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle 21st February)	Pres. Pierce	March 13.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tijbadak	15, Mar.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 28th February)	Empress of Japan	March 20.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th Feb.)	Pres. Garfield	March 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 27th Feb.)	Pres. Jackson	March 23.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Wed, Mar. 11, 4 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	Thurs, Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cromer	Thurs, Mar. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Kweiyang Thurs.	Mar. 12, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs, Mar. 12, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Talyuan	Thurs, Mar. 12, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	King Yuan	Fri, Mar. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri, Mar. 12, 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Fri, Mar. 13, 1 p.m.
	Letters	 2 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Karmala	Fri, Mar. 13, 5 p.m.
	Letters	 6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Khyber

Parcels Mar. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Mar. 14, 9.00 a.m.
Letters 10.00 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m.
Registration Mar. 14, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 11th April)

Japan and Victoria B.C. Teucer Sat, Mar. 14, 10 a.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 7th April)

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Canton Maru Sun, Mar. 15, 9 a.m.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria B.C. Pres. Madison Mon, Mar. 16, 3 p.m.

Parcels 4.30 p.m.
Registration 4.30 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 8th April)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. Madison Mon, Mar. 16, 5 p.m.

Amoy, Manila and Soerabaya Kutwang Mon, Mar. 16, 5 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Tijbadak Tues, 17, Mar. 9.30 a.m.

Athos II Tues, Mar. 17, K. P. O.

Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G. P. O.

Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 17th April)

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hui Ching Tues, Mar. 17, 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Antenor Tues, Mar. 17, K. P. O.

Registration 4.30 p.m.
Letters 4.30 p.m.
G. P. O.

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BANKING DIVIDENDS.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK'S SUCCESS.

The Hongkong Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank is in receipt of a cable from the Head Office to the effect that, at the 102nd Half-yearly Ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders held yesterday, the report showed a net profit of Yen 12,936,138.84 including Yen 6,363,666.83 carried over from last account. It was resolved to make the following allocations:—

To Reserve Fund	Y1,600,000.00
Dividend of 10% p.a. (for the half-year ended 31st December 1930)	5,000,000.00
To be carried forward to next account.	6,436,138.84
Total	Y12,936,138.84

The election of Mr. E. Taniyama (manager of the Tokyo Office) to the Board of Directors, and Mr. N. Otsuka (former manager of Yokohama Office) as one of the Auditors, were confirmed at this meeting.

COMPANY REPORT.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. PROFITS.

The annual report of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., for the year ended December, 1930, states:—The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation, after allowing for depreciation is \$1,767,335.82 and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$2.50 per share on 150,000 shares	\$1,250,000.00
To place to Reserve	500,000.00
To carry forward to next Account	142,335.82
Total	\$1,767,335.82

Directions.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. J. P. Warren and The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Auditors, Messrs. Lindsay & Davis retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pearsall and Co.:

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/10 up 1d.
May 1931 5/11½ up 1½d.
August 1931 6/2½ up 1½d.
December 1931 6/6½ up 1½d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.56 on change.
May 1931 1.26 up 2 pts.
July 1931 1.34 up 2 pts.
September 1931 1.40 no change.
December 1931 1.48 no change.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	124.00	124.00
Geneva	25.21	25.21
Osaka	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	193	193
Buenos Aires	37½	38.4½
Athens	37½	37½
Shanghai	1/25	1/25
New York	136.25/32	135.25/32
Amsterdam	12.11½	12.11½
Stockholm	18.14½	18.14½
Vienna	34.56½	34.56½
Madrid	14.70	14.70
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	36	36
Hongkong	111½	111½
Beijing	14.85	14.85
Canton	18.16½	18.16½
Milan	92.72½	92.72½
Prague	164	164
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	4	4
Bombay	15.13/16	15.13/16
Yokohama	2/0.5/16	2/0.5/16
Silver (spot)	135	135
(forward)	135.16	135.16

CINEMA NOTES.

WILL ROGERS AND SOME ROYAL LONDONERS.

Internationally famous as a wit and philosopher, Will Rogers has, surely, an ideal vehicle for the exploitation of just those talents in "So This Is London," his current starring production for Fox Movietone.

Just teeming with wit, as would be expected from Rogers, it has too its philosophic side for it gives the Oklahoma an opportunity to discuss with Lumsden Hare, who plays the role of a titled Englishman, the inability of people of different races to arrive at a complete understanding.

The discussion reveals the fact that people of all races, when you get beneath the surface, may easily arrive at the point of good will and understanding and, quite apropos, that is a subject which Rogers has well handled in his numerous writings for the press of the country.

To those who so thoroughly enjoyed Rogers' first audible production, "They Had to See Paris," the seemingly unbelievable has been accomplished in his second production for it is acclaimed as far more entertaining than his first.

Rogers portrays the role of a wealthy mill owner of Texas who is urged by his wife and son to make a trip to England for the purpose of purchasing a cotton mill there. They accompany him.

Rogers is a thoroughbred Texan with a keen dislike of anything British or savouring of England.

On shipboard his son finds a romance with a young English girl and this, of course, brings chaos.

After a series of hilarious scenes Rogers eventually purchases the mill, straightens out his son's love affair and decides that the British are "pretty good folks" after all.

Irene Rich, the adorable, is again Rogers' screen wife and this time Frank Albertson is his screen son. Other members of the cast include Maureen O'Sullivan, Mary Forbes, Lumsden Hare, Dorothy Christy and Branswell Fletcher. John Blystone directed.

Farrell Victim of Admiring Crowds.

Popularity of Charles Farrell, featured with Janet Gaynor in "The Society Blues," has been so great that the effects of the youngsters to surmount the tremendous social chasm between their families makes this production unusually entertaining.

The stars have five song numbers in the production, especially written for them by Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley. David Butler directed.

Others in the cast include William Collier, Sr., Joyce Compton, Hedda Hopper, Louise Fazenda, Lucien Littlefield, Brandon Hurst and Gregory Gaye.

"Hit the Deck."

What is considered one of the most pretentious musical comedies produced since the advent of talking pictures, opens today at the Central Theatre. It is Radio Pictures' Irish, technical production of "Hit the Deck."

Fourteen well known stage and screen players comprise the cast which is headed by Polly Walker. Jollies beauty, and Jack Oakie, the sensational new comedian. Four in the list were brought directly from New York to Hollywood to appear in the picture. Polly Walker, Roger Gray, Frank Woods and Margaret Deada. George Oves, Harry Sweet, June Clyde, Wallace MacDonald, Nate Selt, Edw. Morgan, Charles Sullivan and Andy Clark are the others.

Later Red, who was in charge of the Radio Pictures musical extravaganza "Hi-De-Ho," directed "Hit the Deck," a siskel by Fred Fleck, a director in his own right.

Five songs are included in the production of the story. The "Hi-De-Ho" song, a solo in the stage version, has become an entire sequence of 100 songs in the picture.

WORK OF LOCAL Y. W. C. A.

ENLARGED MEMBERSHIP ADVOCATED.

The Young Women's Christian Association celebrated its eleventh birthday yesterday afternoon with the eleventh annual meeting and the election of Directors. This is the first birthday to be celebrated in the newly acquired property on Bonham Road. The President, Mrs. Ma Wing-chen, on behalf of the Board of Directors and members, expressed grateful thanks to the many subscribers and campaign workers for their generousity which has made possible this new home for the Association, saying God had richly blessed the efforts of the women of Hongkong to acquire this space for their expanding work.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for the following year:—Miss K. Woo, Mrs. Lam Tean-wai, Mrs. Lam Tin-sang, Mrs. Kwok Kwai, Miss Chau Sui-ying and Mrs. Wong Tse-tuen. Miss Shin Tak-ling gave the report of the past year.

Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuen, Hon. Treasurer, read the year's financial statement, showing that the yearly receipts and expenditure resulted in a small balance, that the amount for buying the new property has been entirely raised, and the debt cleared, but a sum of \$6,500 is still needed to cover extension, alteration, equipment and furniture. This sum, plus \$9,400 for yearly expenses for 1931, will be the amount to be collected in the year's financial campaign. A vote of approval of the treasurer's report was given.

Plan for the Open Door.

The speech of the afternoon was delivered by Reverend Cheung Chuk-ling, Pastor of the Hop Yat Tong on Bonham Road. In speaking on "What is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge," he made a very strong plea to the Y.W.C.A. to open the doors of its membership wider and allow second and third wives and concubines to become members, stressing their even greater need for encouraging environment and character training. In the past, the Y.W.C.A. has not wished to sanction this long-standing social system, and has closed its doors against all but primary wives. By this action the Board hoped to make people more thoughtful and cognizant of the evil which brings such injustice and unhappiness to women. Mr. Cheung made the point that there are many highly intelligent and moral women who find themselves in this awkward and unjust position. Mrs. Ma Wing-chen, who presided, said that the Board would give this question immediate consideration, as the Board realize themselves that there has not been a constructive method of creating public opinion, but rather a protest against a social evil which they could not countenance.

Mrs. Chen Hing-wa sang a very pleasing group of songs, after which the members and friends shared the birthday cake and enjoyed tea together.

An outline of the annual report follows:

Annual Report.

Miss Shin reported ninety-three children enrolled in the two Child Welfare Centres, where children of pre-school age are brought weekly to be weighed, measured and attended to by the doctor in charge, Dr. K. S. Shin.

The Sunday School for street children conducted each week had an average attendance of 45.

The Girls Department has grown to 450 members in eleven clubs, carrying on activities which help them to grow spiritually, mentally and socially. In addition to these clubs for school girls, the Graduates' Club and the Young Married Women's Club have been studying home making, child care.

LOCAL RADIO.

PIANOFORTE RECITAL BY MR. HARRY ORE.

The radio programme broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day is:—

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00-8.30 p.m. Chinese Children's Programme.

7.00-7.25 p.m. Lecture from the studio on Gilbert and Sullivan by Mr. John Essex.
7.25-8.20 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan's Music.

"The Last Chord" (Sir Arthur Sullivan).
E. P. Kimball (Organist). 36700. (This record has been kindly supplied by Messrs. Tang, Fook Piano Co.).

"H.M.S. Pinafore"—Vocal Gema.
"Patience"—Vocal Gema.
The Columbia Light Opera Co. 205 and 38.

"The Mikado"—A More Humane Mikado.
"The Mikado"—"Fit Willow."

Harold Williams (Baritone). 180.
"The Pirates of Penzance"—Selections.
Court Symphony Orchestra. 903.
"The Gondoliers"—Vocal Gema.
"The Yeoman Of The Guard"—Vocal Gema.

Columbia Light Opera Co. 9565.
8.20-9.00 p.m. Pianoforte Recital from the Studio by Mr. Harry Ore.

Sonata Appassionata, 1st Movement (Beethoven).
Seventh Nocturne (Chopin).
L'Isle Joyeuse (Debussy).
The Cuckoo (Arensky).
Eighth Hungarian Rhapsody (Liszt).

9.00 p.m. Weather Report. Local Time etc.
9.05-9.30 p.m. Two Orchestral Suites.

Ballet Egyptian (Luligny).
Scenes Pittoresques (Massenet).
Orchestrae Symphonique De Paris. 9560, 9567, 9491 and 9492.

9.50-10.07 p.m. Instrumental.
Octet-Memories of Tchaikowsky (arr. Sear).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9198.
Flute Solo-Andante for Flute and Orchestra (Mozart).

Zurich Tonhalle. 9553.
Octet-Scenes That Are Brightest from Marlmann (Wallace Arr. Sear).
Octet-Then You'll Remember Me from The Bohemian Girl (Raff).
The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 9107.
Violin Solo-Cavatina (Raff).
Arthur Catterall. 9439.

10.07-10.30 p.m. Casse Noisette Suite (Tchaikowsky).
B. B. C. Wireless Symphony Orch. conducted by Percy Pitt. 9260-9262.

10.30 p.m. Close Down.

The Hongkong Branch of the English Association advertises that Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith will lecture on "War Books" in the Cathedral Hall, at 5.30 p.m., to-morrow.

recreation in the home and similar subjects.

The educational classes have had a total enrolment of 125. Classes have been conducted in first aid, Mandarin, Chinese and Foreign cooking, Chinese boxing and swimming. Two popular Education schools have been conducted by the Association for factory girls, servants and others employed during the day. Some 90 girls have been given an opportunity of acquiring at least a rudimentary knowledge of their own language.

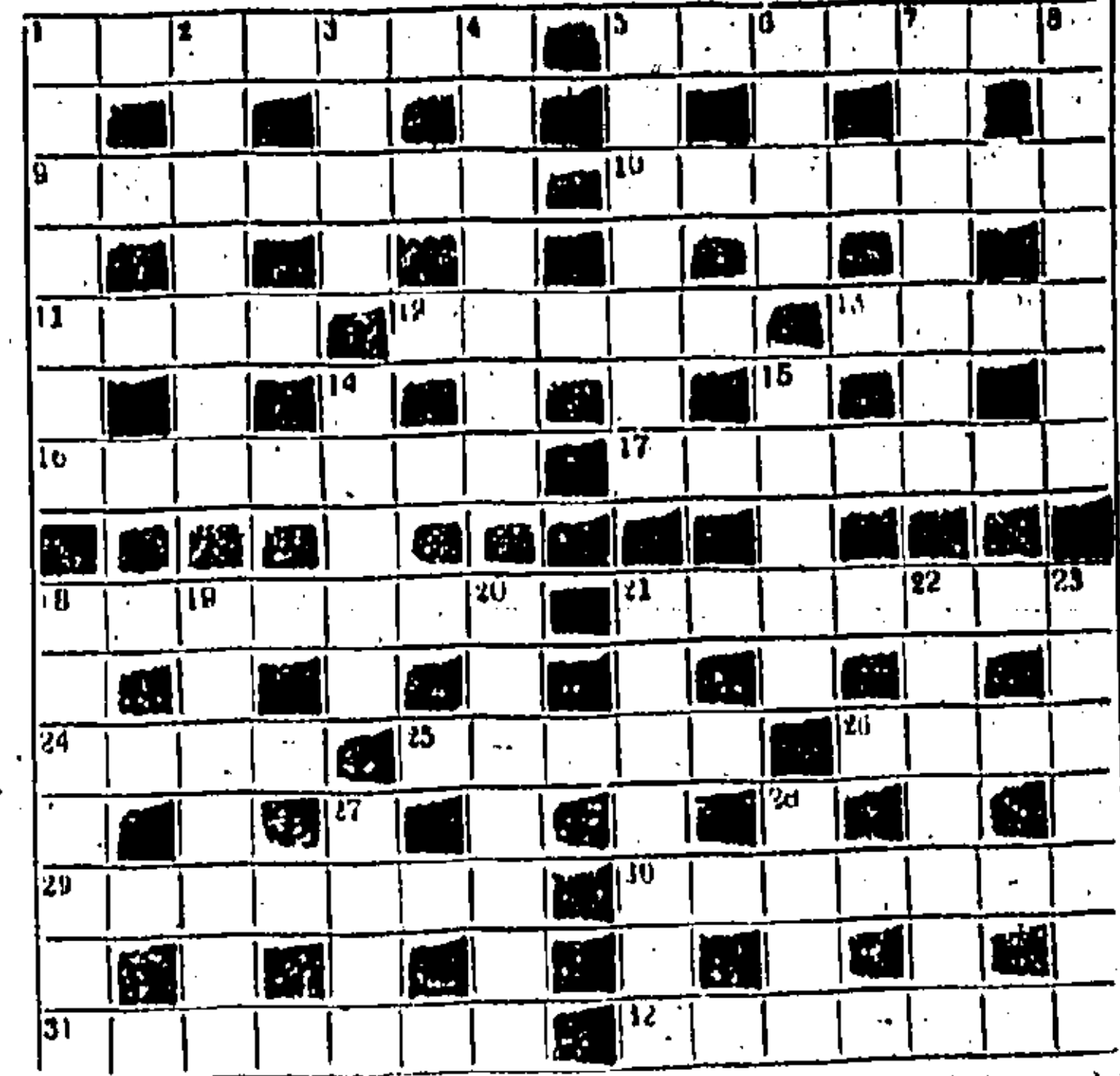
Four Bible classes have been conducted weekly with a regular attendance of 45. It was reported that the monthly meetings of the Bible Women's Fellowship with an enrolment of 25 had been a source of real help and inspiration to this group of workers, representing some fourteen churches.

Not the least popular are the monthly membership social gatherings which include launch and walking picnics, as well as the more formal gatherings at the Association building. These showed a total attendance of 1,500.

The guests in the Hostel for a shorter or longer period during the year numbered 85. With its additional facilities, the Association is hoping to increase this department of its work.

Miss Shin closed her report, by expressing the thanks of the Association to all who had by their service and generous giving helped to make this year one which, she felt, had been of real service to the community.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- The first man took his position in front of the insect, and made it very hard.
 - A bright star in Southern skies named after the Egyptian god of water.
 - This is the only approved method of making a billiard ball.
 - A prayer, or the bell that announces it.
 - An old Roman See that had no bishop.
 - Surrounded by most, I am very damp.
 - This science is too comprehensive for man to possess it.
 - Rolled suddenly to one side.
 - A stream that Caesar crossed.
 - The distinguishing characteristic of Arthur Grigg, in "Nicholas Nickleby."
 - A town with a corporation—and one unfinished end.
 - Be foolishly fond.
 - One does not require to be an athlete to run up and down this.
 - A constellation.
 - Perform again.
 - Schemed.
 - Give this to your lady-love. Its syllables reversed might describe a noticeable feature of the low river.
 - Rejected—it is almost entirely worthless.

- Down
- Coming, like a competitor.
 - In parts, as below.
 - Assists.
 - Little is known of the function of this gland.
 - Although comparatively rough, this sounds a likely horse to put your money on, while—
 - These are poor steeds for the married.
 - Controversial.
 - This sitting would not interest a hen.
 - An Arab chieftain.
 - Grabs up.
 - Although this piece of fire-side equipment may be made of steel entirely, there is sure to be iron in it.
 - When you find this you will recognize its suitability.
 - Precisely.
 - The Charge of the Light Brigade was due to a this.
 - A Homeric hero.
 - Saved up.
 - What happened to the famous squire of the famous Scot.
 - Five up.

Yesterday's Solution

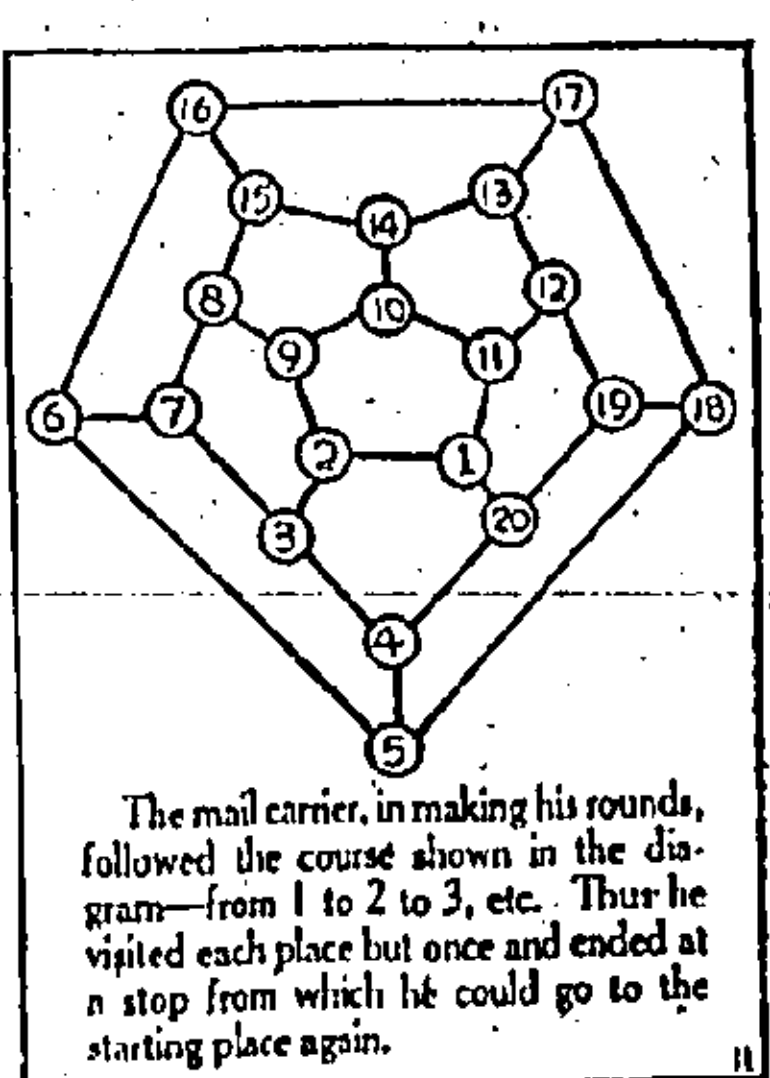
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STICKERS

PROBLEM
R O B L E S A G
MESSAGE

Fill in the dots with the correct letters and you will have seven words that read the same across, as from top to bottom. The second word will be a verb, the third and fourth plural nouns and the sixth a singular noun.

Yesterday's Solution



The mail carrier, in making his rounds, followed the course shown in the diagram—from 1 to 2 to 3, etc. Thus he visited each place but once and ended at a stop from which he could go to the starting place again.

SIR A. SALTER'S VISIT.

KEMMERER REPORT SAID NOT TO BE FEASIBLE.

Nanking, Mar. 4.

Referring to the reported mission of Sir Arthur Salter, Director of the Economic and Financial Section of the League of Nations, who arrived in Shanghai on March 2, an influential spokesman of the National Government, in an interview with the Rengo correspondent, said:

"Sir Arthur Salter came to China on an invitation by Commander-in-Chief Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong, Finance

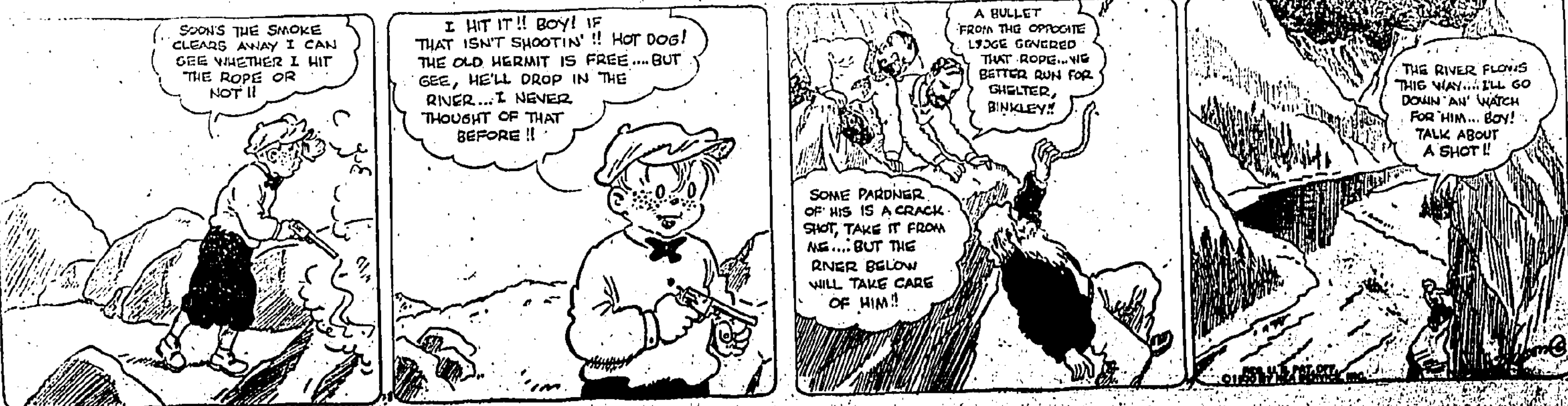
Minister. His mission is, I understand, to submit his opinions to the Nanking Government regarding practical measures for China's financial readjustment and ways and means for the enforcement of the gold standard, with no gold reserves. In fact Sir Arthur has been invited to this country, because the Nanking Government has become fully convinced of the impossibility of putting into effect the Kemmerer reports."

The spokesman added, in this connexion that the flotation of a gold loan, reports of which are already in circulation in well-informed circles, is of only secondary importance.

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**OVERLOADING CASE
DISMISSED.****OFFICERS' REFUSAL TO
SAIL MENTIONED.****SUMMONSES BAD.**

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning on behalf of the Sze Yip S.S. Company, who were summoned, as owners of the s.s. Tai Lee, for allowing the ship to be overloaded on March 1 at 8 p.m. at the Ping On Wharf.

Mr. A. G. Cooke, of the Harbour Office, prosecuted.

At the outset of the proceedings, his Worship recalled that at the previous hearing, Mr. Brooks raised objections to the summons, which, he contended, was bad. After consideration, his Worship said, he agreed with Mr. Brooks' arguments, and would therefore dismiss the summons against Mr. Chan Yung-tong, who was originally summoned for the offence.

Mr. Cooke testified to boarding the s.s. Tai Lee on March 1 at about 8 p.m. and finding the vessel overloaded to the extent of about seven inches. Witness then withheld the ship's clearance until she had reached her proper marks when he allowed her to proceed to sea.

Mr. Law, of the Harbour Office, gave evidence to the effect that he received a visit from Mr. Chan Yung-tong, on the afternoon of March 1, and was informed that the Chief Officer refused to sail. Mr. Chan asked permission for the Chief Officer of the On Lee to be transferred to the Tai Lee. This was granted. Another visit was made by Mr. Chan later in the day, this time to tell him that the master refused to sail.

Evidence was also given by Capt. Elvidge, former master of the s.s. Tai Lee.

At the conclusion of the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Brooks submitted that he had no case to answer.

This was upheld by his Worship and the case was accordingly dismissed.

**CHINA HONOURS HER
WAR HEROES.****IMPRESSIVE SERVICE AT
NANKING.**

Nanking, Mar. 10.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and over 10,000 Kuomintang officials, soldiers and civilians attended at the public sports field this morning at a commemorative service in honour of Nationalist leaders and soldiers who perished during the civil war of 1930. All Government offices and military commands suspended business to permit a full attendance at the service.

Marshal Chiang was representing the Military Commands, with Mr. Yu Yu-jen, Chairman of the Censorate Yuan, representing the National Government, and Dr. Wong Chung-hui, Chairman of the Judicial Yuan, representing the Central Kuomintang. Vice-Admiral Chen Shao-kuan was present with high naval officials.

In an impressive speech, Mr. Wu Tze-hui emphasised the point that the unification of China was brought about by the death of tens of thousands of Kuomintang soldiers and was the duty of all Kuomintang officials to endeavour to form a clean Government aiming at the realization of the hopes of the dead. To bring peace and prosperity to the country the politicians must offer sincere co-operation with the military commanders for an early suppression of bandits and Communists.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek delivered a long speech reviewing the sufferings and hardships which the Nationalist soldiers went through in the long struggle last year with the northern military combination.

**A.D.C. HAVE ANOTHER
SUCCESS.****SECOND PERFORMANCE
MARKED BY CLEVERNESS.**

The Hongkong A. D. C. registered another success last night at the Theatre Royal in its presentation of "Art and Mrs. Bottle."

All concerned gave really clever impersonations of the various characters, and the audience were kept highly amused by the somewhat ridiculous story of the play. The theme will be considered by some as unworthy of praise, but the work of those taking part is of the highest order.

H. E. Sir William and Lady Peel and party were among the large audience present.

**CHINESE NURSES
GRADUATE.****RED-LETTER DAY AT THE
TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.****CERTIFICATE AWARDS.**

The first batch of graduate nurses ever trained by the Tung Wah Hospital received their certificates yesterday. The occasion was celebrated in the Great Hall of the Hospital before a large gathering of past and present directors and other well-wishers. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, who gave away the certificates; the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Li Po-kwai, Wong Kwong-tin, T. N. Chan, M. K. Lo, Kwok Shiu-lau, Tam Moon-tong, Fung Ping-shan, Leung Tat-yue, Dr. Lai Po-chuen, Dr. Tseng, Dr. Kirk, Dr. Ware, Messrs. Ngan, Tooniam Tam, Chan Lim-pak, Pun Lu-chor, Chan Kam-por and others.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman of Directors, Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, addressing the meeting, said:—Mr. Wood, the Chinese representative and Hon. Advisers to the Hospital, ladies and gentlemen.—To-day is the first graduation day of the nurses trained in this Hospital and we are much honoured to have Mr. Wood with us to give away the certificates. The Hospital has now existed for 51 years, but before then it was under the care of Chinese or hereditary doctors. In 1870 the Government sent Western doctors into this Hospital and thus were introduced the Western or scientific methods of treatment. While it is true that the doctors prescribe the treatment, it is no less true that the nurses carry out the doctors' orders and from the patients' point of view, the nursing staff plays a very important part in any hospital.

The idea of starting a Nurses' Training School originated from Messrs. Sun Sing-sam, Ng Yuen, Au Kun-on and Li Hoi-tung during the Chairmanship of the latter. The school thus begun, was enthusiastically carried on by successive chairmen of Directors—Messrs. Tang Shiu-kin, M. K. Lo, and Leung Tat-yue.

The School is under the direction of Dr. Phoon Sock-wah with the assistance of the resident doctors and Drs. Lai Po-chuen and F. I. Tsung, while in the past much valuable assistance was received from Drs. Thomas, Chiu, and Fok, and Dr. and Mrs. Kirk.

Examination Results.

The first batch of nurses numbered 24; of these three did not finish their course; one had not spent enough time at the maternity wards, and did not sit for the examination. The 20 who did sit for the examination all passed. This excellent result is due to the work of last year's Directors, the doctors, and no less to the diligence of the students themselves. After 1928, there entered another batch of 17; of these five did not finish their course. At present there are 13 of the older nurses in the hospital. In 1931, the Directors took in another batch of 15. Therefore at present, there are 31 nurses on the staff not including the 12 graduate nurses, who are all actuated with the charitable spirit to do good work in the hospital.

On the occasion of the graduation celebration of our first batch of nurses, it is indeed our great pleasure and honour to have Mr. Wood with us to give away the certificates. We thank the Hon. Advisers, past Directors and friends for their presence, and we shall always look forward to their guidance and advice. To our graduate nurses, we hope they will never forget the charitable spirit of the institution in which they were trained, and that they will strive to alleviate the sufferings of their fellow-men as the wish of our Directors.

Mr. A. E. Wood's Speech.

Mr. Wood, in replying, said:—Mr. Ngan and Directors.—To-day is the first occasion of the graduation of nurses from this hospital and I much appreciate the honour you have done me in asking me to present the certificates. On the occasion of the first examination of nurses trained in this hospital, 20 sat for the examination and every single one passed. I am delighted at this result and congratulate the successful candidates. Mr. Ngan has told us how the training of nurses came to be organised in this hospital and I need not cover the ground again. But I cannot refrain from referring to the keen interest in the training of nurses in this colony taken by the late Mrs. Hickling who, alas, cannot be with us to-day.

Year by year the Directors of this Hospital have zealously furthered its development and the training of nurses is a highly important part of its activities. To the doctors who have ungrudgingly given their best efforts to teach the students and made to-day's great success possible, we owe our warm thanks. We have other

**DEATH OF MRS. J. E.
ANDERSON.****POPULAR KOWLOON LADY
PASSES AWAY.**

It is with the deepest regret that we have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Anderson, wife of Mr. J. E. Anderson, of the Anderson Music Co., Ltd., news of which will come as a great shock to the deceased lady's numerous friends. Mrs. Anderson passed away in her sleep at 7.30 this morning, at the Claremont Hotel, Kowloon.

For some four or five years past, the late Mrs. Anderson had suffered from chronic asthma, but she had been particularly free from the trouble for the past six months or so. However, she had a rather severe attack yesterday morning, but although fatal consequences were not feared, she passed away, as stated, this morning.

Mrs. Anderson, who hailed from Dumfries, first came to the Colony in 1915 with her daughter, Jean, following her husband who came out a year previously. She and her daughter underwent a terrifying experience when the Japanese ship by which they were travelling was torpedoed near Port Said. However, both were safely landed, in common with all on board, being rescued by a French destroyer, although they lost all their belongings.

During the period of her residence in the Colony, Mrs. Anderson made a host of friends, amongst whom she was extremely popular. She was a most kind-hearted lady, and, despite her infirmities, was of a particularly bright and sunny disposition. She will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to enjoy her friendship. The utmost sympathy will be felt for the bereaved husband and only child in the heavy loss which they have suffered.

The funeral takes place this evening, passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

**THE CAIRO-CAPE
AIR ROUTE.****INAUGURATION OF THE
NORTHERN SECTION.**

London, Mar. 10.

An Imperial Airways flying boat inaugurating the Northern section of the Cairo-Cape route, arrived at Kismu, Lake Victoria, last night and unloaded mails which left London on February 26th. It is expected to reach Mwanza, Tanganyika, the present terminus, to-day.

The Southern section of the route will be opened, during the summer.—*British Wireless.*

students who have not yet finished their course and students who have newly joined, and I hope these will study diligently and make steady progress. Now it is my privilege to hand these certificates to the successful candidates, and I trust that they will in the future be able to turn their knowledge to good account in the service of humanity.

Suggested Portrait.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall, who was called upon to say a few words, said that after the very full account of the history of the training of nurses in the Tung Wah Hospital given by the Chairman in his speech, to which he, (Dr. Kotewall) had listened with pleasure and interest, he had very little to say. He would, however, endorse every word uttered by the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs in regard to Dr. Hickling, and he would venture to suggest that her portrait might be hung in the common room of the Nurses' Quarters at the Hospital, not only to remind them of their benefactress, but also as an incentive to them. The Hon. Mr. Wood had just whispered to him that the Hospital owed much to Dr. Kirk for his share in the training of the nurses, and as a member of the Advisory Board he was glad of this opportunity to express personally to Dr. Kirk their grateful thanks.—(Applause.)

It was very gratifying to see the progress made in this important branch of the Hospital's work. It was but a few years ago that the first seed was sown, at its were, and to-day they were gathering the fruits of our labour. He was, however, of the opinion that much remained yet to be done; but he felt that the present Board of Directors would continue the good work and carry it further. That this branch of medical science has been recognised by the Chinese community as being essential for the welfare of the Colony was an encouraging sign. To those who had earned their certificates he would tender his hearty congratulations, with the advice that whether they should continue to serve the Hospital or seek employment outside, they would never forget the institution which had given them their training.—(Applause.)

A group photograph was taken, after which tea was served.

**EXTRADITION CASE
DIFFICULTIES.****CURIOUS POSITION OF A
CHINESE WOMAN.****"WANTED" IN U.S.A.**

Unexpected difficulties have arisen in the case in which Jang Shee, a married woman of California, is charged with the alleged embezzlement of \$325,000 in the United States.

She again was before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning, when Mr. Somerset Fitzroy remarked that it was now only a question of remanding the woman until an escort arrived, and that he thought it would be impossible for her to leave unless in custody.

The woman, said Mr. Fitzroy, had agreed to waive extradition proceedings and return to America voluntarily, but in view of the international nature of the case, it was rather difficult to arrange her passage back. He did not care to recommend that the captain of the vessel lock her in a cabin when the vessel was in port, although that would be possible.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, who appeared for the woman, said it was curious that his client must wait in gaol, although she was willing to return. He asked for a deduction of the \$100,000 bail, as she had found it impossible to arrange that sum.

Mr. Schofield fixed the bail at \$75,000, remarking that he could not make the reduction much more, in view of the amount at stake.

**TIENTSIN-PUKOW
RAILWAY.****BADLY HIT BY SEIZURE
OF ROLLING STOCK.**

Tientsin, Mar. 10.

Carrying a petition to the Manchurian Government demanding that Northern military commanders refrain from commandeering railway stock, the management of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway recently sent a representative to Mukden to interview General Chang Hauch-lung.

The delegate, Mr. Chen Yin-kiung, left Peking yesterday for Tientsin and told newspaper representatives that he had interviewed Generals Chang Hsueh-liang and Shih Yu-shan in Manchuria. The latter agreed to return all seized rolling stock to the Railway.

Mr. Chan further stated that the daily receipts of the Railway were estimated at over \$1,000,000, but following the commandeering of rolling stock by militarists, the Railway has incurred losses and had had to borrow considerable sums from banking corporations. The Railway is paying \$10,000,000 annually as interest on loans.

**BANDIT CHIEFTAIN
CAPTURED.****ABOARD HONGKONG-SHEKKI
JUNK.**

Canton, Mar. 10.

A notorious and much-wanted bandit chief, named Kwok Kam, has been arrested by Canton detectives while en route for Shekki on board the Hongkong-Shekki junk.

The arrested man is a native of Punyue district and the head of a large band of outlaws, operating in and around that locality, who for some time past have reaped a rich harvest in extorting money under threat from the tow-boats and junks plying between the up river districts.

The gang has figured in piracies on several occasions, holding many passengers for ransom. They are also credited with holding up outlying villages and obtaining money under threats of pillage and burning, and on two occasions of putting their threats into execution when sufficient money was not forthcoming.

The captive is being returned here for trial.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

**UNITED STATES AND
SOVIET.****NO CHANGE IN RELATIONS
CONTEMPLATED.**

Washington, Mar. 10.

It is stated at the White House, that President Hoover does not contemplate any change in Soviet-American relations, which seems to cancel out the report that Mr. Stimson is giving his personal attention to plans for a modification of America's Russian policy.—*Reuter's American Service.*

**UNREGISTERED
MUI-TSAIS.****THREE CHINESE WOMEN
SUMMONED.****MISAPPREHENSIONS.**

Three Chinese women appeared before Mr. Schofield on separate summonses at the Central Police Court this morning, accused of bringing unregistered mui tsai into the Colony.

In the first case, that of Kam Chan-shi of 9, Chancery Lane, Mr. W. C. Hung appeared for defendant and pleaded guilty.

According to Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the defendant brought the mui tsai into the Colony to help with extra work in the household. She was brought from Kowloon on March 2 and on March 4, defendant went to the S.C.A. to have the girl registered, being under the misapprehension that this could be done.

Mr. Macfadyen intimated that the girl was to be sent back to Kowloon to her father.

His Worship imposed a nominal fine of \$10.

In a summons against Yuen Ching-shi, widow, 4 West Street, Quarry Bay, defendant denied that the girl was a mui tsai. She said she was a relative left in her care.

Mr. Macfadyen said defendant went to Shaukiwan Police Station to register the girl as a mui tsai and later both she and her son went to the S.C.A. to explain the facts to him (Mr. Macfadyen). It appeared that some time ago the girl's father wanted to go to Singapore without the girl, who was given to defendant as a mui tsai, on the understanding she helped with passage money to the extent of \$100. There was a possibility of the father returning but it was very small.

Mr. Macfadyen pointed out that under the amending Ordinance the onus of proof that the girl was not a mui tsai was on the defendant.

The defendant admitted that she took the girl to Shaukiwan Police Station for registration because she was afraid of the child being kidnapped. She wanted her registered as a precaution.

Mr. Macfadyen informed his Worship that the woman had not given him that explanation.

The case was adjourned.

Wu Shi-ching of 233, Hennessy Road, was fined \$20 for a similar offence.

Mr. Macfadyen said defendant's grandmother presented the child to accused as a "marriage maid."

**IN MEMORY OF SUN
YAT-SEN.****CANTON OBSERVANCES
TO-MORROW.**

Canton Mar. 10.

The sixth anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, which falls on Thursday next, is to be marked by a Three Minutes Silence. The Kwangtung Electric Supply Co. has been requested to switch on all street lights at noon, when all traffic is to be suspended and the populace is to observe the Three Minutes Silence, at the end of which the lights will be switched off.

As a further mark of respect, all Government officials will wear mourning badges, all flags will be flown at half-mast, places of amusement will be closed for the day, while all shops are to display memorial tablets.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

COLD COMFORT.

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as well, for his presence tends to reassure the patient and to keep his mind from dwelling on his symptoms. Should it be necessary to retire to bed, keep warm and as cheerful as possible, avoiding draughts, chills, and dominoes. Don't worry.

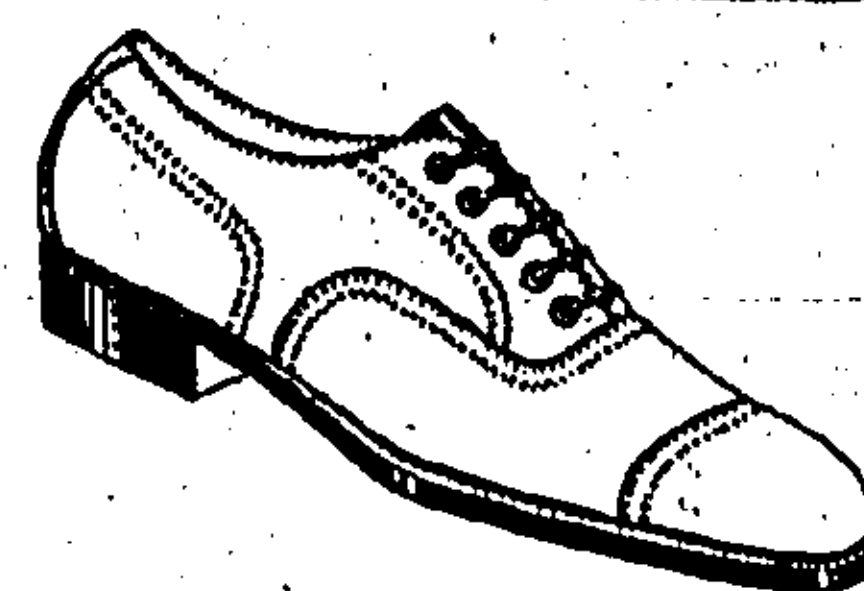
You can pass the time in bed by trying to remember how you caught your cold by going back step by step until you arrive at the probable cause; having once discovered the cause you will know how to avoid doing the same thing again, thus making sure that your next cold will be caught differently. After all, variety is the spice of life.

One word in conclusion: don't let your mind dwell on catching cold. The mere reading of this article is enough to give you one.

PARTICK VICTORY.**COWDENBEATH GO DOWN
AT FIRHILL.**

London, Mar. 10.

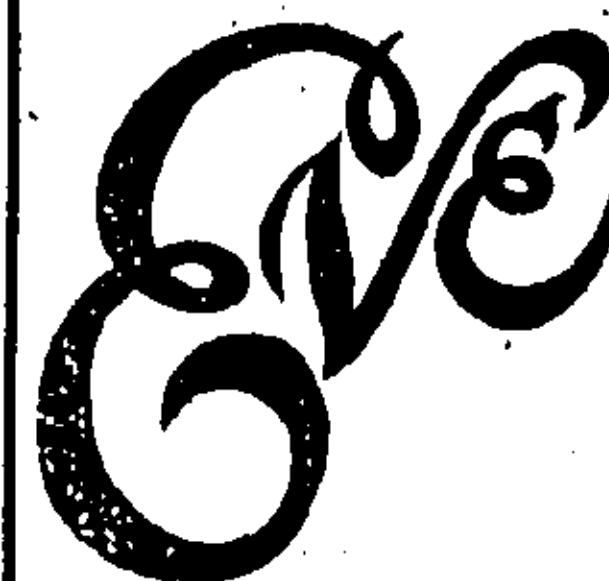
In the Scottish League, at Firhill Park, Glasgow, to-day, Partick Thistle defeated Cowdenbeath by four goals to one.—*Reuter.*

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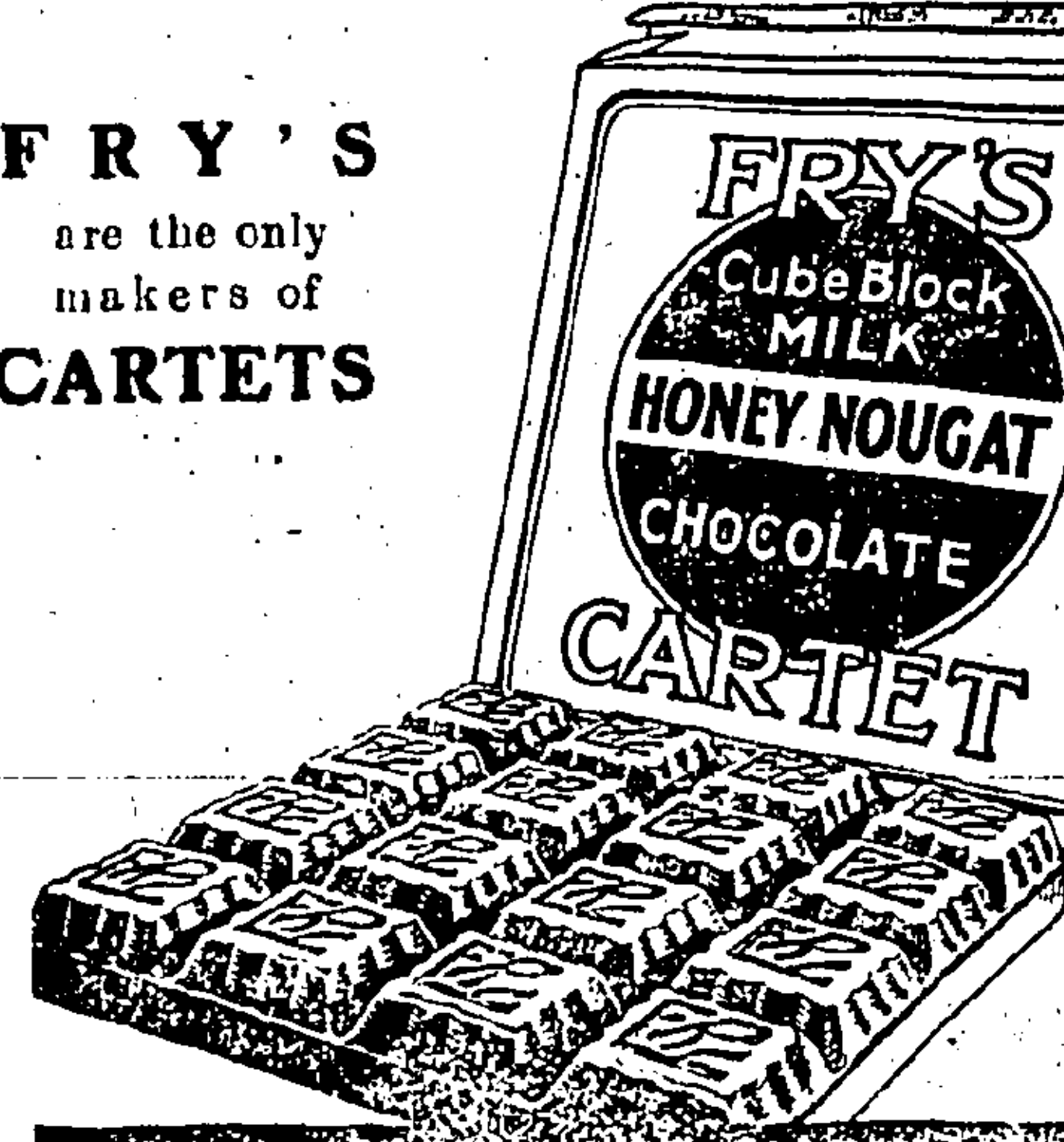
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A FOOTBALL PLAYER SUSPENDED.

PENALISED FOR ROUGH PLAY IN RECENT MATCH.

The suspension of a Chinese football player for nearly a year for rough play in the match between the Kowloon F.C. and South China, was confirmed by the Council of the Hongkong Football Association, which met last evening with Mr. J. Orniston in the chair.

The player, Wong Ma-shun of the South China A.A., was suspended until January, 1932, and was warned that should he again offend he would be permanently suspended from football in the Colony.

The chairman extended a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. E. Hollands for the time he had devoted to the Shanghai Interport players during their stay in the Colony. Mr. Hollands had obtained special leave without which it would have been impossible adequately to entertain the visitors. The thanks of the Council were also extended to Mr. H. M. McTavish and Mr. R. K. Duncan who had devoted their China New Year holidays to entertain the players from the North.

The chairman expressed regret at his own inability to spend as much time as he would have liked for the players. Mr. C. A. Goldenberg, for the ground arrangements, Mr. J. W. Baldwin for the concert arrangements, Capt. Denkin and other members of the Council, were also thanked for the work they had done towards the success of the visit. The chairman also thanked Mrs. W. E. Hollands for the work she had done.

Continuing, the chairman said that he had the assurance of the manager and captain of the Shanghai team that they had thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the hospitality extended to them. They had never enjoyed themselves better.

Question of Referees. A letter received from the captain of the Navy eleven complaining of inefficient control by the referees of certain matches was laid before the Council, and on the proposition of the chairman the letter was referred to the Referees' Committee.

The chairman said that he did not wish to discuss the matter, but pointed out that referees had a very arduous job. He mentioned that a writer at Home suggested that football games should be controlled by two referees, while the Rev. J. J. Johnston told a meeting of Association football referees at Woking that the perfect football referee had to have the vision of a prophet, the legs of a wizard, the brain of a Solomon, the hide of a rhinoceros and the temper of a saint. Mr. Johnston said that there was only one super-referee, and he fell overboard from the Ark.

The question of the failure of the Club de Recreo to fulfil their fixture in the Senior Shield against the Royal Artillery came up for discussion, and it was decided to fine the Portuguese Club \$10 and award the match to the Royal Artillery. It was stated that only seven players from the Portuguese club appeared and the match was abandoned. The Referee had not notified the Association nor had they sent in any explanation for their failure to turn out.

The draw for the semi-finals of the Shield contests was then made, resulting as follows:

Senior Shield.	Royal Artillery v S. W. Borderers (Kowloon ground).
Kowloon	(Club ground) v South China
Junior Shield.	Navy v Kowloon
(Club ground)	v Eastern
Club	(Kowloon ground).

The matches are to be played on March 21, the junior games to start at 2.30 p.m. and the senior matches at 4.30 p.m.

The final of the Sunday Herald Cup between Scotland and China was fixed to be played on the Club ground on April 18.

NO PLAY IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH MATCHES.

Play in the tennis tournament yesterday had to be abandoned owing to the bad weather conditions prevailing.

The list of matches on the schedule to-day is as follows:

Open Singles.
F. H. Kwok v H. N. Chau.
Chiu Chiu-chiu v Chan So.
A. L. Sullivan v J. H. Anderson.
Open Doubles.
G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v Ho Wah-hing and Lu Tak-mun.
Paul Wan-pui and Ip Kuo-ko v Ng Kam-chuen and Slow Kim-sang.
Club Championship.
S. E. Green v R. H. Wild.
D. M. MacDougall v Y. Seragan.

Vienne, Mar. 10.
It is now believed that the death toll in the Balkan earthquake will not exceed 80 to 100. Fourteen villages have been wiped out, and 2,000 houses destroyed.

Two families, with nine and six members respectively, are among the dead. A thousand families are without shelter in the Goughall district alone.—*Reuter.*

CALL UP LONDON ON PHONE!

(Continued from Page 1.)

subject in view of the obvious necessity of building up an adequate Reserve to provide against contingencies of which the fall in the value of the Hongkong dollar is a striking example; furthermore, it is, I think, equally necessary in the interests of sound finance for your Company to be permitted latitude in the matter of increasing the appropriation to this Account in order to be in a position to compensate for a possible future deficiency arising at a time when conditions might be such that in respect of a preceding year your Company was not able to vote the full amount permitted under the terms of its franchise—in which connexion it appears to be somewhat of an anomaly that your Company is, under the existing restrictions, precluded from giving effect to an arrangement on the lines indicated.

You will further observe that your Directors, (following the policy defined by me from the chair at the last annual general meeting in reference to investing the Company's General Reserve in securities outside the business) have now invested the "Depreciation Reserve" in a similar manner—a mode of procedure which, I am confident, must strongly commend itself to all shareholders. As shown on the assets side of the balance sheet, the investment under this heading have also appreciated in value, notwithstanding the fact that this particular Reserve Fund was only inaugurated during the year under review.

The Automatic System.

The cost of the new automatic installation is included in the item "General Plant" and consequently the former item "Auto. Preliminary Expenses" has disappeared from the balance sheet. As you are no doubt aware, the new equipment was successfully brought into operation on 3rd Mar. 1931, and is, I am pleased to be able to state, giving complete satisfaction in operation.

As you are also aware, in embarking upon the installation of an automatic equipment your Board was prompted by a desire to offer to subscribers the best possible telephone service that modern methods and a high grade apparatus could supply, and the success achieved in this respect since the inauguration of "Automatic Working" is a source of considerable gratification to your Company, as I am sure it must also be to shareholders and to the telephone public. The standard of service now being rendered compares, I am given to understand, most favourably with the standards which are worked by Telephone Administrations both in England and America, and notwithstanding the fact that a very high grade service is being rendered to subscribers, your Company has not made application for increased subscription rates, and every endeavour is being made to keep the rates at the present low level.

Future Possibility.

In this regard, however, your Directors recognise that increased rates must inevitably be brought into operation unless a material recovery in exchange takes place in the near future, though, at the same time, they feel that every effort should be made to avoid raising the rates, having regard to the fact that such action would tend to limit expansion—the axiom being the lower the rate, the greater the number of subscribers.

With the installation of the new automatic system and the laying down of further main underground cables, your Company is in a position to instal telephone service on demand—the advantage of which from a revenue-earning point of view hardly requires emphasis.

The laying of underground cables and covered distribution is, where practicable, being extended beyond the City limits both in Hongkong and Kowloon, and the total additional cable thus laid during the period under review amounts to 5,751,763 circuit miles. The number of additional exchanges lines installed during the year amounted to 624 compared with 464 for the preceding period, and represents a highly satisfactory expansion of your Company's business.

Hongkong-Canton Line.

You will doubtless have observed that a new heading, viz., "Canton Trunk Line" appears in the balance sheet. The amount shown thereunder represents initial expenditure incurred in connexion with the laying of the new trunk cable between Hongkong and Canton for the purpose of bringing these cities into direct telephonic communication. You will be interested to learn that some 60 miles of the trunk cable have already been laid from the Canton terminal, and the work of laying the balance of some 70 miles is being rapidly pushed forward. On 30th

January, 1931, the submarine section of this cable was successfully laid across the Harbour from Hongkong to Kowloon by your Company's staff.

It is anticipated that the necessary engineering work in connexion with the trunk line in question will be completed by about August, 1931, when facilities for making 30 simultaneous calls will be available. The service has been designed on the most up-to-date lines for both transmission efficiency and speed of operation and—having regard to the large community of interest existing between Hongkong and Canton—it should be safe to assume that the traffic handled over this trunk line will exceed the most sanguine expectations.

First of Its Kind.

The laying of this trunk cable is, so far as I am aware, the first project of this nature to be undertaken in China and will, I venture to predict, prove to be the forerunner of a network of communications which will eventually link up all the important cities in that vast country. In the circumstances, it will be readily realised that with the opening up of telephonic communication with Canton, this Colony will be entering upon an era, in the matter of service to subscribers, of untold possibilities, and the facilities which will be available, both commercially and otherwise, when that era arrives will confer a very great boon upon the local community. Whilst on this subject, I would like, on behalf of the Board of Directors of this Company, to avail myself of the opportunity of placing on record their great appreciation of the good offices and kindly co-operative efforts of the Municipal Authorities in Canton (including particularly the Mayor, Mr. Lum Van-kei, and the Chief Engineer, Mr. P. Y. Deane) without which it would have proved extremely difficult to bring this important project into the realm of practicality.

When designing the trunk cable for the Canton service, your Company kept in view the possibility of the extension of the telephone service to the New Territories of Kowloon, and it is anticipated that at least two small Automatic Exchanges will be opened there by the end of 1931. You will, of course, appreciate that the establishment of a high grade telephone service in rural areas situated at a long distance from the main automatic system will involve very considerable capital expenditure, in respect of which a due return on the investment thus made can hardly be looked for until such time as the manifold advantages of a telephone service have become so sufficiently apparent to the inhabitants of the districts concerned as to lead to a material increase in the number of subscribers.

Long Distance Radio.

Consideration has also been given by your Company to the field of long-distance radio telephony, and, subject to the eventualities involved in certain negotiations which are at present being conducted, it may reasonably be expected that, in about two years' time, a subscriber in Hongkong will be able to put a call through to another subscriber in England, with subsequent extension to embrace all important cities in the world.

There being no further matters calling for comment, I now beg formally to propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the financial year ending 31st December 1930, as presented, be adopted, and that the following appropriations, recommended by your Directors, be incorporated in the balance sheet, be carried into effect, namely:—Payment of a final dividend of 6%, making a total of 10% for the year, \$183,000; transfer to General Reserve, \$50,000, bringing same to \$275,000; carrying forward to next Account, \$52,500.27; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Second's Speech.

In according the motion, Mr. G. C. Moxon said:—I rise to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as presented. I think the executive of the Telephone Company are to be heartily congratulated upon their handling of this not too easy business—its progress and efficiency during the past two years are to me little short of a miracle. The installation of the dialling system has proved a great success, and I congratulate the Management on their decision to have the share register audited throughout the year—a safeguard that might well be made universal with local companies.

The installation of a trunk line to Canton, which it is hoped will be working next Autumn, cannot be passed without comment. It exhibits courage and vision both on the part of our Executive and of the Canton Municipal Authorities—it must serve as another and an

BIG GAME HUNTER STABBED.

M. VARENNE ATTACKED IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore newspapers report the admission to the General Hospital there of M. Paul Varenne, the French big game hunter, as the result of his having been stabbed in several places. It appears that M. Varenne arrived at the Hotel van Wijk recently from Saigon and took a room for the night, and that about 1.30 a.m. he was awakened by two assailants, believed to be Annamites, who stabbed him and then escaped. The injured man is said to be progressing favourably.

It will be recalled that M. Varenne was in Hongkong in January, forming hunting parties for the purpose of joining him and a companion in Indo-China.

WORLD'S FINANCIAL SITUATION.

IMPROVEMENT PREDICTED BY AMERICAN BANKER.

New York, Mar. 10.

An improvement in international financial conditions is forecast by a leading banker who is quoted in the *New York Times*.

He predicts a resumption of foreign financing within sixty days. This opinion is based on the marked improvement in conditions abroad, together with evidence of the accumulating strength of the American bond market.

The banker states that foreign loans, even on a small scale, would be considered as a step in the direction of world-wide improvement in international finances, and is of opinion that the Central European and South American countries need funds; also that Australia could profitably employ a loan.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ROUSE EXECUTED.

HOME SECRETARY HOLDS A MEETING WITH JUDGES.

London, Mar. 10.

Alfred Arthur Rouse, convicted of the "blazing motor-car" murder, was executed in Bedford prison at eight o'clock this morning. It is revealed that the Home Secretary, before finally endorsing the death sentence, took the extraordinary step of conferring with Mr. Justice Talbot, who tried the case, and the Lord Chief Justice, who presided at the appeal.—*Reuter.*

It will be recalled that a London press report at the weekend that Rouse had confessed his guilt, was denied by his wife.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has deepened and moved into the Sea of Japan. There appears to be a feeble anticyclone over China. Local forecast:—North to North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

Important link in the friendship of two great cities—whose futures many of us think are inseparably interwoven. Personally I hope it is only the forerunner of other bonds among which I should first place a broad motor road which should greatly assist in the development of Canton-Hongkong trade and intercourse.

I have the temerity to forecast a great future for Canton and its natural port, Hongkong—and in this vision the telephone line now being installed plays no small part. With these few words, Sir, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and statement of accounts now before you.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Business Matters.

Mr. E. M. Raymond proposed, and Mr. F. Ellis seconded, the resolution of Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. R. G. Shewan to the Board of Directors, this being unanimously carried.

On the proposition of Mr. J. M. Alves, seconded by Mr. J. Gould, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed auditors to the Company.

Directors supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Messrs. J. H. Taggart, D. H. Blake, R. G. Shewan and J. P. Warren, with Mr. J. P. Sherry (Manager), Mr. W. L. McKenzie (Secretary). The following shareholders were also present:—Messrs. G. C. Moxon, J. M. Alves, J. Gould, F. Ellis, E. M. Raymond, W. Walker, W. C. Clark, J. T. Bagram, Tong, King-kwong, Sun Tai-sang, and Mahan Singh.

VICAR'S ATTACK ON SPIRITUALISM.

MR. VALE OWEN'S "FAIRY TALE."

An attack on spiritualism was made from the pulpit, by the Rev. F. C. Baker, vicar of St. Stephen's, Coleman-street, who was formerly a member of the Society for Psychical Research.

Spiritualism, he said, was born in ignorance and thrived in ignorance, and its twin brother was superstition.

"The Rev. Vale Owen has written a book," Mr. Baker continued, "in which he claims to describe life beyond the veil. I can guarantee to give as good a fairy tale description of life in the other world as Mr. Vale Owen. But I would not claim that what I wrote came from the spirits. I would only claim that it came from my own imagination."

"I will guarantee to preach a 20 minutes' sermon of meaningless phrases strung together as Mrs. Meurig Morris has done. It is merely a question of repeating meaningless phrases one after the others as they come into one's head. I would not claim that my sermon was inspired by spirits."

Conan Doyle and Houdini. Tracing the history of modern spiritualism, Mr. Baker asserted that the spiritualist was only enabled to make his preposterous claims because the universe and human personality were bound to remain mysteries at all times, and there were always credulous people who wanted an explanation at once, and were ready to believe anything they were told.

As soon as one form of trickery was exposed, continued Mr. Baker, another speedily took its place. Today they had the new idea of materialisation in the form of spirit figures or ghost production; spirit photography; the hearing of voices and the production of "ectoplasm," supposed to emanate by supernatural means from the body of the medium. "In one case," he declared, "this 'ectoplasm' has been found to be nothing but a medium's veil rolled up in the medium's pocket."

Spiritualists were continually bringing forward such manifestations, proceeded Mr. Baker, and arguing that because people could not account for them they must be of a supernatural character. "But can you account for any of the tricks done by magicians?" he added. "You know you cannot. Although Houdini, who was a wonderful magician, assured the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle that all his tricks were the result of long practice and manual dexterity, Sir Arthur would persist in saying that they were done by the power of spirits."

With all respect, Mr. Baker concluded, he could only come to one conclusion, that spiritualists were determined to believe, whether it was true or not.

NEW AIR RECORD ATTEMPT.

NOVEL "AUTOMATIC" PLANE.

Secret preparations are being made by the Air Ministry for an attempt to break the world's long distance non-stop air record, which at present stands at 4,912 miles, and is held by France.

Preparations are well advanced, and the aeroplane will be a Fairey monoplane, probably fitted with a Napier engine.

It was a special modification of this engine that was fitted to Captain Campbell's car when he broke the world's land speed record at Dayton recently. The engine in its specially modified form is also fitted to some of the racing Gloster seaplanes which are being used by the Schneider Trophy team. The aeroplane is a modification of that in which Squadron Leader Jones-Williams and Flight Lieutenant N. H. Jenkins flew from Cranwell to Karachi non-stop in April, 1929.

The new machine will be a cantilever monoplane with no external bracing wires whatever, and it will be almost an automatic aeroplane. Special devices will enable it to go as near to flying itself as is possible. This will be of special value in clouds and fog.

The pilots will be in an enclosed compartment, and they will be able to leave the controls for short periods without the aircraft getting off its course.

It is believed that, with full load, the maximum theoretical range of the new aircraft in still air will be about 7,000 miles.

No decision has yet been made as to the date of the new attempt or as to the course.

The Westminster Glee Singers made their farewell appearance at the Star Theatre last night, and enjoyed another enthusiastic reception. Old favourites, by which the Singers have won the hearts of Hongkong music lovers, were generously rendered, and it can safely be said that their last programme was one of the outstanding performances of their visits to the Colony. They leave behind them pleasant memories of beautiful, charming music rendered in charming style, and their entertainments will not easily be forgotten.

HONGKONG CHURCH AFFAIRS.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE OPENING.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

An address on the challenge of the Lambeth Conference by the Bishop of Victoria, and an address on a scientist's approach to God by Mr. E. A. Gaunt, of St. Stephen's College, were features of the first day of the Victoria Diocesan Conference, which was held in the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon, with the Bishop of Victoria in the chair, supported by the Dean. Both speeches were listened to with great interest.

The Rev. N. L. Watkins was elected secretary, and it was agreed that the treasurer of the V.D.M.A. should also act as treasurer for the conference, in accordance with the procedure laid down.

In reading the report of the Executive Council, the Dean said:

Since the last Victoria Diocesan Conference the Executive Council has met twice—on December 4, 1930, and February 11, 1931.

At these meetings the following matters were considered: (1) the possibility of Church Extension in Kowloon; (2) the building of a new St. Peter's Church; (3) the Conference Budget for 1931; (4) arrangements for this Conference.

With regard to (1), as the result of conversations between the Vicar of St. Andrew's and the Government, and consideration by the Church of England Trustees and St. Andrew's Church Council a letter was written to the Government asking for the reservation of a site for a church in Waterloo Road, Kowloon. No reply to this letter has been received to date.

In connexion with (2) the Dean reported that there seemed to be a possibility of proceeding shortly with the building of a new St. Peter's. The Cathedral architects had reported that a church to Sir Herbert Baker's plans could probably be built for not more than \$50,000 the amount promised by Government, and a suitable site near St. Stephen's Girls' College seemed likely to be available. After discussion the Council asked that the St. Peter's Sub-Council should give its views on the site suggested.

Erection of Church.

Since this meeting of the Council the St. Peter's Sub-Council has emphatically voted for proceeding as soon as may be with the erection of the church on the site proposed if, and as soon as, that site and the Government grant are definitely found to be available. The C.M.S. Associated Schools, who now lease the land in question, have been shown the proposed lay out of the church and it is hoped that a definite arrangement will soon be made which will secure this site for the church. On the conclusion of such an arrangement the Government grant will be applied for. At its second meeting the Executive Council agreed to leave the matter now in the hands of the Cathedral Church Council. When all enquiries have been completed the decision to build will rest with them.

The Conference Budget for 1931, which was approved at the first meeting, had to be revised at the next. In its amended form it will be presented to the Conference at to-morrow's session.

Trustees' Report.

Mr. J. W. Baldwin then read the report of the hon. secretary of the Church of England Trustees, as follows:

The Trustees held three meetings during the year 1930. Two new Trustees have been appointed under the provisions of section 4 of the Incorporated Ordinance, Mr. G. S. Archbutt having taken the place of Mr. W. L. Patterson who has left the Colony, and Mr. J. W. Baldwin has taken the place of Mr. J. H. Hunt who went away early in the year.

All the property referred to in sub-sections 1, 2 & 3 of section 6 of the Ordinance have been registered in the name of the Trustees. The investments representing the St. John's Cathedral Hall endowment fund, and other funds belonging to the Cathedral have been transferred to the Trustees.

An option to take up new shares in the Hongkong Land Investment Company, Ltd., to which the Trustees were entitled as the registered holders of shares in the Company, was at the request of the Cathedral Church Council sold for a sum of \$1,417.40 which was placed to the credit of the Current account of the Cathedral Council with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The funds of the Chater Endowment remain in the hands of the Trustees of that endowment, who have been directed to place the income to the credit of the Current accounts of St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church respectively.

Letters of delegation, with inventories have been granted to the Church Councils of St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church (the former covering St. Peter's Church also) in accordance with section 7 of the Ordinance.

Preliminary regulations for the use of the Trustees were drawn up and approved on February 25, 1930, under section 9 of the Ordinance. Draft regulations relating to St. Peter's Church Council, were submitted to the Trustees and approved. A seal for use of the Trustees was obtained at a cost of \$47.

Both reports were adopted by the conference.

The Bishop's Address.

The Bishop of Victoria then addressed the conference as follows:

The subject on which I am to address you to-day is—"The Challenge of the Lambeth Conference"—the challenge that comes from that Conference to us as a Diocese. And more especially to-day we must think of its challenge to us as a Colonial Church, for as you know our gathering represents primarily the Church of England side of our work, though we are glad to have among us as fraternal delegates two representatives of our Chinese Diocesan Synod.

The Lambeth Conference meets only once in ten years. We are, therefore, as Church people the more bound to consider its decisions because they affect vitally the Anglican Church throughout the world. The next Lambeth Conference is not due to be held till 1940, and how much shall happen in the world, or in China, or in the life of any one of us between now and then, who shall say?

I have seen it suggested somewhere, that the Lambeth Conference sets our Church a ten years' programme. That, of course, is not strictly its intention, but, undoubtedly, it does serve to set prominently before the Anglican Church throughout the world certain matters, which are of outstanding importance.

Let us then proceed to consider how that Conference of three hundred Bishops held last summer in London may affect our work in this distant spot. What is the special challenge that the Lambeth Conference has for us out here?

A Challenge.

The first challenge that comes to us is to consider afresh our idea of God. And this challenge comes to clergy and laity, to Christian and non-Christian alike, because the whole nature of our life is determined by our idea of what is ultimate; by our idea of God. "The supreme need of the world is to find some unifying principle which may give confidence to the soul of the first report of the Lambeth Conference begins, and there can be few who will doubt the accuracy of this statement. And then the claim is made "The Christian Doctrine of God, in its full implications, when rightly understood, supplies the guidance which our perplexed generation so supremely needs."

What is to be the spiritual force which shall teach men the meaning of life and evolve harmony and order from the mental and moral chaos in which mankind is struggling? Here in this diocese are represented many creeds, and some who have been brought up in the Christian tradition have discarded it. People have every right to ask of us who hold the Christian faith what is the Christian doctrine of God, and how does it supply the guidance which our perplexed generation needs?

The supreme question is—"What relation is there between Jesus Christ who lived in Palestine at a particular period and the Eternal God, is he more than merely the greatest in a great company of spiritual leaders, is he in his own person very God?"

I am not going to dwell further on this point as we have two speakers who will address us respectively on "The Scientist's Approach to God" and "The Christian Conception of God." But I cannot stress too strongly the pressing importance of this subject for all our work. And lest anyone should be tempted to hold an easy view as to what is involved let me read you some words of Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of York. "Our need is not so much to see this doctrine or that doctrine further articulated or freshly defended; it is to see the whole Christian view of the world, of life and of God made good against its only contemporary rival" (that is what may be called secular or scientific humanism with its self-dependence and denial of God). "To do this with any degree of completeness," the Archbishop continues "must be the work of many minds and will occupy many generations. But the need is urgent and every

sincere attempt to meet it will in its measure promote the triumph of the Gospel."

Obligation of Thinking.

If we here are to respond to the challenge that comes to us from the first report of the Lambeth Conference there must be a fresh insistence on the part of both clergy and laity of the obligation of thinking and learning as essential elements in the Christian life, and we must recognise equally that it is through the development of their capacity for worship that men advance in their knowledge of God's nature. In worship the spirit of man enters into communion with God. The quality of worship depends upon the idea of God which is in the mind of the worshipper. Though it often is crowded out in our busy life yet there is in man who instinct for worship; he wants to adore, or is this instinct to find true expression? Above all we need to have ever before us the first resolution of the Lambeth Conference—"We believe that the Christian Church is the repository and trustee of a Revelation of God, given by Himself, which all members of the Church are bound to transmit to others, and that every member of the Church, both clergy and laity, is called to be a channel through which the Divine Life flows for the quickening of all mankind."

It may be fairly claimed that the first section of the Lambeth Report governs all the others, but if there are any who think that this section is too theological or philosophical for them, let them turn to the second and they will find much food for practical thought.

The second challenge that comes to us is the challenge to consider afresh the Christian Moral Ideal, more especially in its relation to Marriage and Sex, to Race, to Peace and War.

Dean Inge has recently said that the present revolt against traditional ethics is not based on any philosophy consciously held but rather on a collapse of all authority, which has left the present generation without any universally accepted standards. No one who takes a large view of the world to-day can doubt that the Dean is right.

All sorts of views about marriage and sex are held and are being freely canvassed. It would have been cowardly if the Bishops had refused to face the problem, even though as someone has said the section bearing on this subject does not conclude a moral issue but rather creates new conditions under which moral issues have to be decided. . . . The task of building up ethical teaching in the new conditions will not be a short or easy one; and it will need co-operation and criticism from every helpful source.

Problems of Race.

As regards Race, the adjustment of the relations between different races is one of the major problems of the present century. The characteristic feature of world politics at the present time is "nationalism." "Machiavelli" it has been said, "has broadly speaking, ruled the political world from his own time till now. It came to be accepted as even a platitude that the nation has nothing but its own welfare to consider, that the nation is a final end in itself, with nothing beyond it or above it which it might serve or for which it could exercise self sacrifice."

The principle for which we Christians have to stand is that there exists something wider and higher than the national state which the national state exists to serve: it is the Kingdom of God, and practically we must rise that to be a Christian implies an entirely new attitude towards our fellow-men.

And as regards the problem of Peace and War, Earl Grey has truly said that "the most effective change would be that nations should dislike each other a little less and like each other a little more." There has recently been established among us a League of Nations Society. I think it is a plain duty of Christian people to do all they can to support the League given expression to the sense of common interest among the nations of the world.

It has been said, and I think truly said, that "conduct is a by-product of religion—an inevitable by-product, but not the main point. Love creates goodness by the way."

The challenges which Section two of the Lambeth Report brings to us in this diocese are these: If it be agreed that the existing social order is intolerable and something better than mere haphazard rules are to control us what standards are we to accept?

As regards Marriage and Sex: granted that some of our traditional morality belongs to a very immature stage in our development, what standards are we to accept for ourselves and for our community life?

As regards Race and Peace and War: the sense of comradeship and fellowship is not something to be achieved by being directly sought; it follows naturally where

men are engaged together in common tasks. The task of the Church is to multiply the number of persons whose relations with their fellowmen are governed by respect and reverence of the individuality of others. Those who have the Christian attitude to their fellowmen will manifest it naturally in racial relations.

Church Unity.

And so we pass on to the third great challenge that comes to us—the challenge to pursue the quest of the visible unity of the whole Church of Christ.

I was present at the Lambeth Conference of 1920 when the "appeal to all Christian people" was agreed to and I think that, whether or not exception may be taken to this or that particular, the conscience of Christendom as a whole has agreed that the ideal presented was a true one. And so we are compelled to pursue the quest of the visible unity of the whole Church of Christ, for it is only when the air is warm with brotherhood that the Gospel sounds true.

There are three things I want to say about Lambeth and the Unity of the Church:

First, the quest that we are pursuing is that of the visible unity of the whole church of Christ—nothing less.

Second, definite advance was made as to closer relationship between the Anglican and the Orthodox Churches.

Thirdly, as regards non-episcopal Churches: I think there was no going back whatever on Lambeth 1920 as some have suggested. It is recognised that the experiment in South India is being made in the hope of "achieving a union between episcopal and non-episcopal churches such as has never yet been effected" and in a resolution of the whole Conference "we ask the brethren of our communion to stand by our brethren in India, while they make the experiment, with generous goodwill."

As regards ourselves here in this diocese, the challenge that comes to us from Lambeth is that we shall take our part in pursuing the quest of the visible unity of the whole Church of Christ, for however long and difficult the way, we can be content with nothing less, and I trust that our brethren of other Communion will join us in this quest, and in passing I would like to emphasize that the Conference adopted unanimously a resolution in favour of efforts of Evangelism in co-operation with Christians of other Communion.

By a natural sequence we come now to consider the ideal we of the Anglican Communion have before us for ourselves and the future to which we look forward.

"Our ideal is nothing less," the fourth report says "than the Catholic Church in its entirety. Viewed in its widest relations, the Anglican Communion is seen as in some sense an incident in the history of the Church Universal. It has arisen out of a situation caused by the divisions of Christendom . . . we forecast the day when the racial and historical connections which at present characterize it will be transcended and the life of our communion will be merged in a larger fellowship in the Catholic Church."

The Anglican Communion.

The principle for which the Anglican Church stands is that of "the autonomy of particular churches based upon a common faith and order." The following statement of the nature and status of the Anglican Communion as the term is used in its Resolution was approved by the Conference:

Resolution 49.

The Anglican Communion is a fellowship, within the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, of those duly constituted Dioceses, Provinces or Regional Churches in communion with the See of Canterbury, which have the following characteristics in common.

(a) They uphold and propagate the Catholic and Apostolic faith and order as they are generally set forth in the Book of Common Prayer as authorised in their several churches;

(b) They are particular or national churches, and, as such, promote within each of their territories a national expression of Christian faith, life and worship; and

(c) They are bound together not by a central legislative and executive authority, but by mutual loyalty sustained through the common counsel of Bishops in conference.

The Conference makes this statement praying for and eagerly awaiting the time when the Churches of the present Anglican Communion will enter into communion with other parts of the Catholic Church not definable as Anglican in the above sense, as a step towards the ultimate reunion of all Christendom is one visibly united fellowship.

I have given this resolution in full so that you may see the more clearly the ideal the bishops had before them. "It is our duty to envisage," they say, "the one Church of Christ as it will be

when reunited and to shape the churches of our own Communion so that they will even now conform as much as possible to that ideal, and be ready to take their place within it, when it is realised. It is our belief that the Councils of the Bishops were in antiquity, and will be again, the appropriate organ by which the unity of distant churches can find expression without any derogation from their rightful autonomy."

Such is the challenging ideal that the Conference bids us keep before us as we carry on our work in this diocese.

The Ministry of Women.

A further challenge that comes to us and one which profoundly affects us in a diocese such as this—more particularly of course in our Chinese work—is the challenge of the sacred ministry; and with this is closely connected the call "to welcome and use to the full the ministry of women not only in the pastoral work of the Church, but in its teaching and worship." I quote from the Encyclical letter.

One of the eight questions put to a Bishop at his Consecration is this: "Will you be faithful in Ordaining, sending, or laying hands upon others?" No part of a Bishop's work is more important than this.

Human life can be dedicated to no higher service than that of the Sacred Ministry. When I was at Home last year I met two men now serving as clergymen whom I had known as laymen here. One had been a business man, the other had served on the staff of the University. There are two others I can also think of. As regards the Chinese Church, the need for more men, and for the highest type of man, for the ministry is clamant. While I have been Bishop, an endowment fund for Chinese clergy has been started: it badly needs augmenting.

As regards women's service in the Church, I have this to say. I am well aware that there are able women who are conscious of their vocation to teach Christianity and of their capacity to fulfil this vocation and who would welcome exacting standards of training, who feel that the Church is not ready to give them the welcome and opportunity it gives to men. Here in this diocese we owe much to the devotion of women workers, and as Bishop I should welcome the careful consideration as to how the distinctive gifts and ideals of women may be the better used in the service of the Church, whether as ordained Deaconesses (which order the Lambeth Conference does not desire should be regarded as the female equivalent of the existing Deacon, but as an order sui generis) or in other ways.

The final challenge that comes to us is the challenge of Youth. The Church certainly needs the co-operation of youth, and Christianity has in its very nature a peculiar appeal to youth, for youth tends to respond to what is ideal and altruistic. And yet a large number of younger men and women to-day are alienated from the Church and organised religion. The Church is in a backward, many of them think.

At any rate as regards the Colonial Church, Hongkong is for the most part a young people's Colony and it is good that it should be so. Youth, I am persuaded, is not essentially irreligious and yet too often in this Colony as elsewhere it passes the Churches by on the other side. It would be an overwhelming misfortune if youth were to allow religion to lose its place in our English life either here or elsewhere. And if this is not to be, the fullest possible co-operation of youth must be invited and secured. I say this not because I think it is not being done among us, but to emphasize its importance. Our church stands or falls as it wins and can hold youth.

What I want to emphasize with you is that the Lambeth Conference of 1930 does constitute for us as a diocese a real challenge and that bit by bit we must work out our response. (Applause).

Science and God.

Mr. E. A. Gaunt, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, of St. Stephen's College, Stanley, introduced the subject for consideration: "The Scientist's Approach to God." He gave a lengthy and very careful examination of the subject.

There was some discussion at the conclusion of this address, and in replying Mr. Gaunt said he had already stated that the success of physics suggested that God was rational, and that he had quoted a speculation that faith in physics originally sprang from the belief that God was rational. He thought that when a physicist approached God he had left his desk and gone to his armchair, in the sense that he was engaged in speculations which were suggested to him by his physics.

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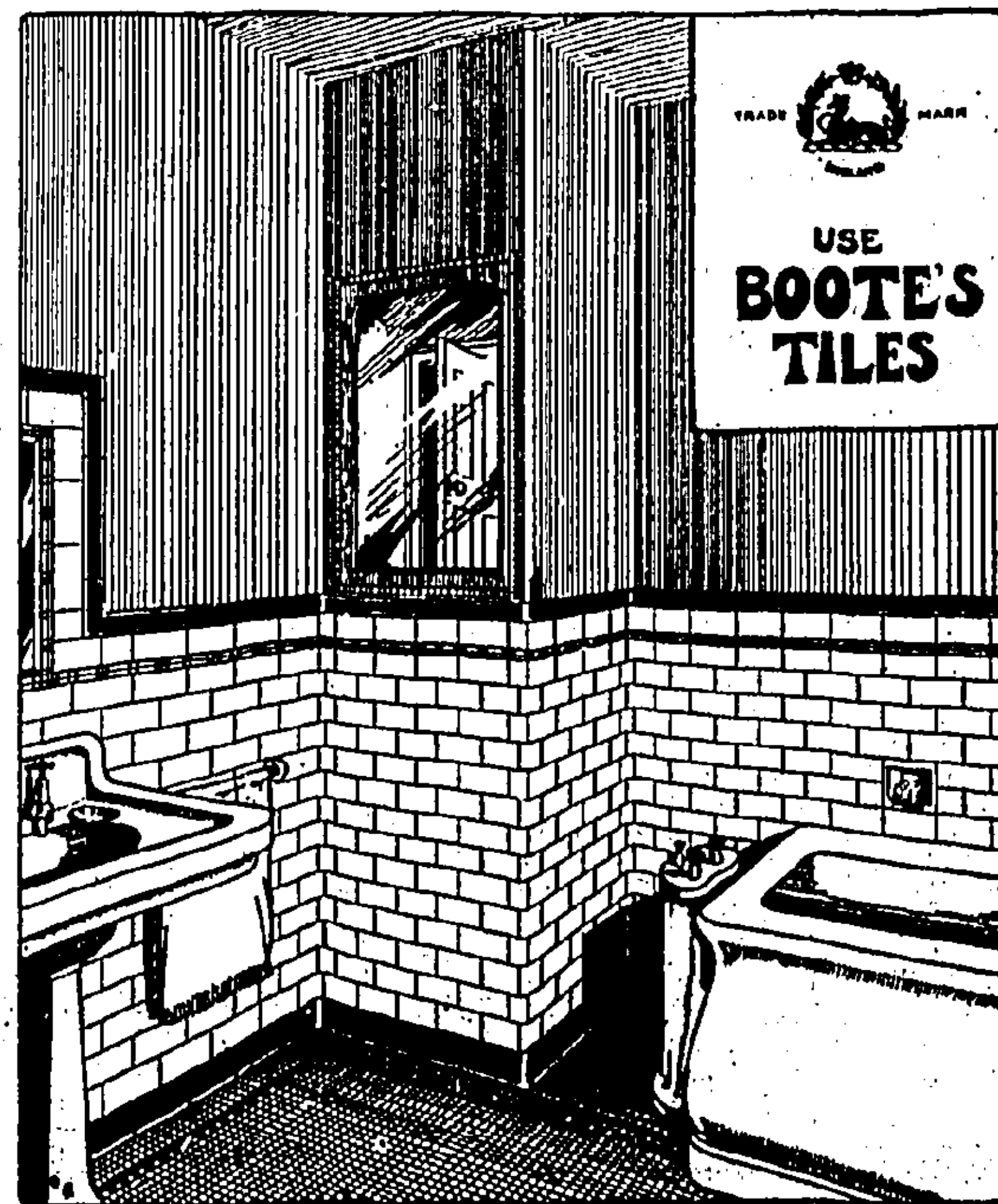
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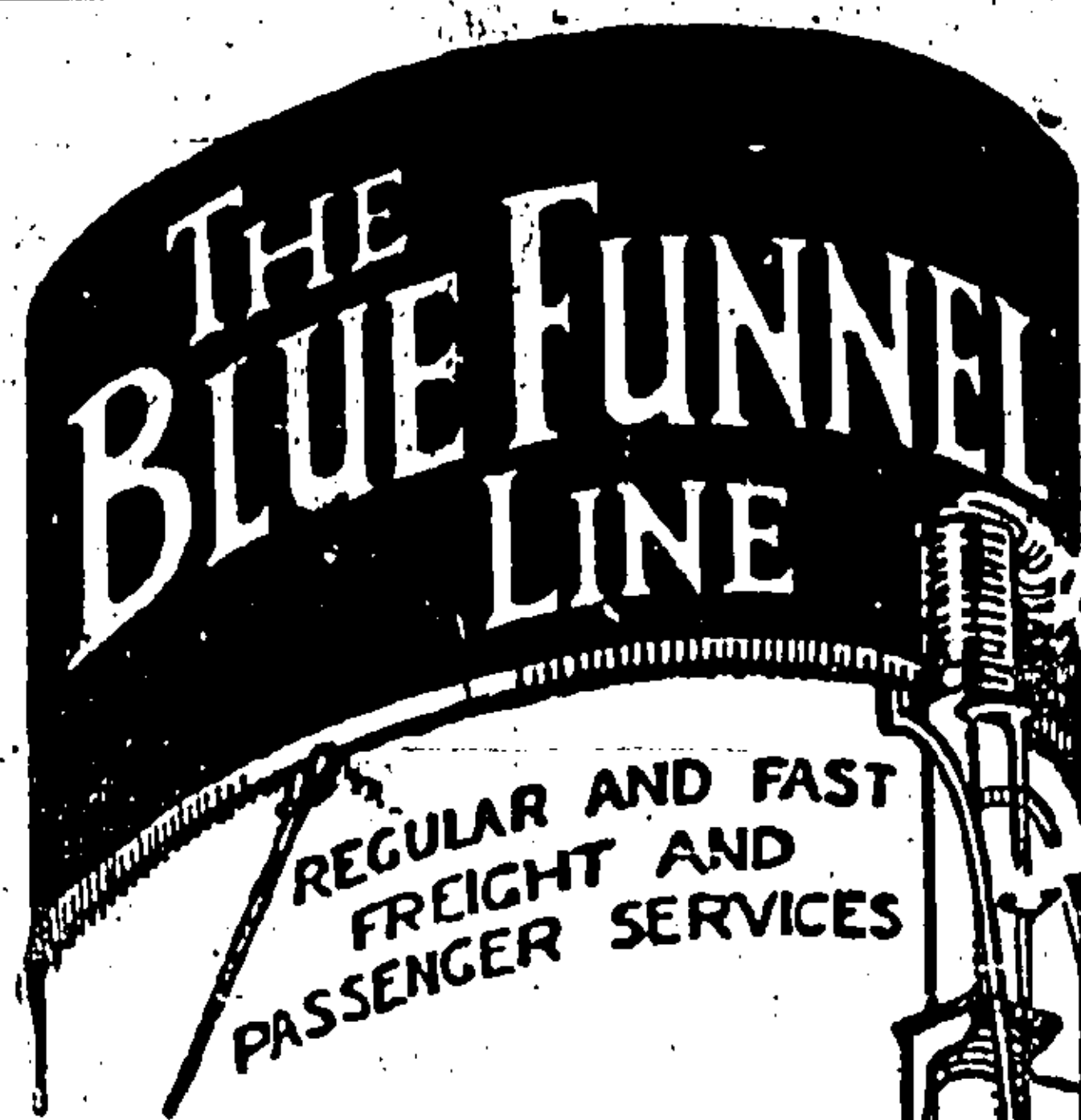
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LANTERN LECTURE BY DR. G. A. C. HERKLOTS.

Illustrated by 40 lantern slides prepared from photographs taken in the jungles of Java, Malaya and the Philippines, a lecture was given last night by Dr. G. A. C. Herklots, at Union Church, Kowloon.

Dr. Herklots said: The stranger to the tropics always associates in his mind the tropics with jungles and jungles with ravenous beasts of prey. He is correct in his first impression but very far from correct in his second. In regions of the world where the temperature is high and the rainfall 80 or more inches a year plants grow at a most alarming rate and to a colossal size. These conditions hold for the equatorial belt and result in the development of dense rain forest. A visitor to tropical jungle, unless he is especially bent on seeing wild animals and orders his path accordingly will probably see nothing larger than a monkey, and nothing fiercer than a scorpion.

Of course, there are animals in almost every stretch of jungle, tigers and leopards, elephant and tapir, deer and are rarely seen except by accident. No, the things to be feared are the spiny rattans, the poisonous and stinging plants, and the small blood sucking parasites. The visitor must protect himself against these lesser evils by wearing special clothes, if he does so he can forget about guns and revolvers and the like.

Khaki shirt with pockets, long trousers, canvas boots and puttees, and an old topes form suitable clothing. A coat need not be worn as one can move much more freely without one. A haversack or tin vasculum for specimens, a camera and stand and a heavy knife or parang for hacking a way through the sometimes very dense undergrowth, and one is ready for the fray.

First Impressions.

In this short talk it is of course impossible to describe any particular feature in detail. All I can do is to describe some of the outstanding features or in other words to record first impressions. With the exception of mangrove swamp jungle, which differs considerably from lowland and mountain forest, all types of tropical rain forest have many things in common. These photographs were taken in Malaya, Java, and the Philippines during the last two years.

The fewness of the very large trees at first seems wrong, there is perhaps but one giant to an acre, but this is due to their enormous canopy. In Malaya I have seen these giant trees 150-220 feet in height with perhaps not a branch for the first 100 feet. Only at the edge of a jungle clearing is it possible to photograph such a giant tree.

The impenetrable nature of the undergrowth is most striking and is due to tangled masses of vines, rattans, gingers, ferns and the roots of large trees. Cutting a path through this sort of stuff is extremely fatiguing work. It is necessary to blaze a trail otherwise one can get lost extremely easily and within but a short distance of the base camp.

Sometimes the lianes present a most curious appearance. Here is one like an immense drawn up spring. Here is a colossal loop connecting two trees which is comparable to an enormous steel rope made up of many twisted strands. These lianes are very strong and one the thickness of a man's thumb will bear a man's weight easily. The chief snag about swarming up such a liane is that one cannot be certain that its apex is firmly fixed to the branches perhaps 50 or 100 feet above. Also such lianes often serve as bridges for very fierce and large warrior ants!

Climbing Palms.

The rattans are a group of climbing palms whose stems grow sometimes to a length of more than

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

THE LEAGUE COMMISSION IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

The League of Nations Commission enquiring into the traffic in women and girls in the Far East has arrived here, to study the conditions in Shanghai.

The Commission has already visited Siam, Indo-China, Hongkong and the Philippines.—*Reuter.*

600 feet; they are abundant in certain types of wet jungle. The leaves of these palms have long whip-like extensions which are armed with recurved hooks arranged in encircling bands like collars. These hooks are really terrible and one avoids rattans more than any other jungle plant. A companion may touch a part of rattan 20 feet ahead of you resulting in a leaf tip bending down and catching you in the face. One once hooked me in the nose and on several occasions has my topee been lifted from my head. Unfortunately rattans are extremely difficult to photograph and as yet I have not managed to get any good pictures.

Palms other than rattans often hinder one's progress, e.g. *Pinnanga*, *Licuala* and *Onchospirma* species. Some are very spiny and one species of *Onchospirma* has been called *horrida* for very obvious reasons.

Climbing bamboos in the Philippine Islands often form very serious obstacles to progress but these are absent from Malaya and Java, or at least those regions where I have entered.

On the sandy shores of Big Wave Bay, Shek O, Deep Water Bay, and other bays, are a number of plants called screw pines or in Latin, *Pandanus*. These have relatives in Malayan jungle which have leaves with toothed edges as barbed as our native species. Some of these relatives are climbing plants and their raw like leaves hang down ready to lacerate the face of the unobservant botanist.

The forest paths are always interesting. On their banks grow ferns closely related to the fern which we call Hongkong bracken, a species of *Gleichenia*. Occasionally one is lucky enough to get a view of a group of tree ferns, perhaps the most beautiful of all jungle forms of life. Tree ferns are most abundant in wet jungle high up on the mountain sides; I have seen them growing luxuriantly in Malaya, Java and the Philippines, different species but all very similar.

Jungle Giants.

Jungle giants often have strange and complicated roots. Frequently they thicken considerably in two places forming plank-like structures. I have seen a table top made from a portion of a single buttress root such as is shown in these photographs. At other times, especially in the case of fig trees innumerable prop roots are produced some of which grow straight down into the soil, others of which encircle the trunk. Such a tree presents a very strange appearance.

Here, and there, while following a path along the side of a steep mountain one is lucky enough to get a magnificent view. Sometimes miles after miles of multi-coloured forest canopy in the valleys and plains below reminds one of a map with the counties marked out in various colours. At other times the view is of mile after mile of rubber plantations a dull drab monotonous green but with the sea in the distance. Perhaps it is evening and the view is punctuated with the glow of fires from native encampments or where jungle is being burnt.

The slides shown by Dr. Herklots included the *Rafflesia patma*, a flower of the size of a cabbage which looks like, and smells of rotting flesh, two of the many species of pitcher plants (the Malays call them monkey-cups) which are found in the jungle. They are insectivorous and live partly on the ants and flies which enter the pitcher and die and are digested therein.

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General cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after 7th March, 1931.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all General Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th March 1931, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th March 1931, or they will not be recognized.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th March 1931, or they will not be recognized.

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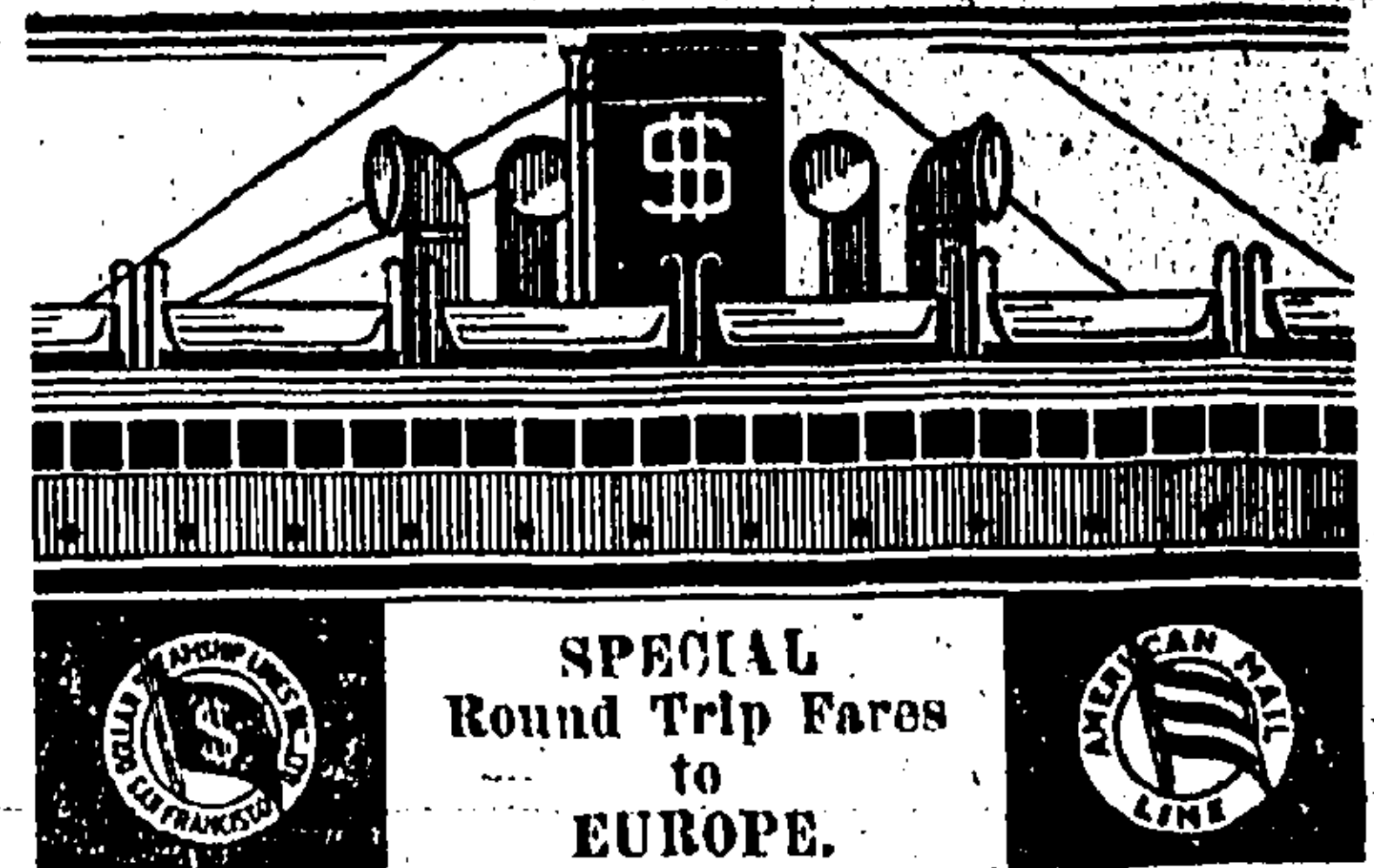
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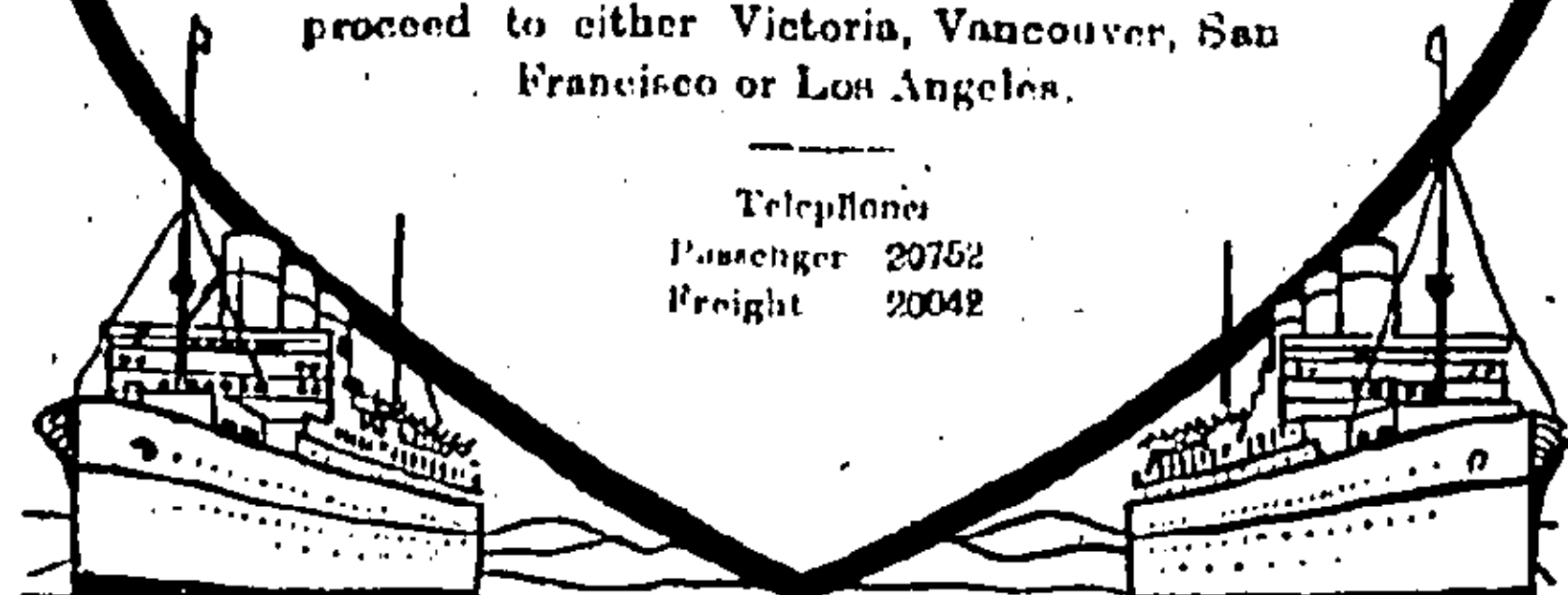
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NOT CONTEMPLATED.

Washington, Mar. 10.
In connexion with the proposed
formulation of the Government's

Russian policy, it is understood that recognition of the Soviet Government is not contemplated. Reuter's American Service.
[It was reported on March 9 that in response to requests, the United States intended to formulate a definite policy towards the Soviet.]

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In accordance with the company's policy of progress and expansion, a representative has recently visited Hongkong and appointed Messrs. Keller, Kern and Co., Ltd. the local distributing agents, and retail vendors have already been appointed. It is confidently anticipated that a large trade will be built up here once the quality of the company's products are tested.

The present retail distributors are the South China Cold Storage Co., Ltd., of 29-31 Des Voeux Road, and the Cafeteria, at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

PARIS-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Karachi, Mar. 10.
The French airmen Burtin and Moench, who are flying from Paris to Tokyo, departed from here at 7 a.m. for Allahabad.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN JOURNALIST.

London, Mar. 10.

The death has occurred of Sir Alfred Robbins.—Reuter.

[Sir Alfred Robbins, a prominent journalist, author and prominent Freemason, was born at Launceston, Cornwall, in August, 1856, and educated at the local grammar school. He began writing for newspapers before he was 18, and for many years combined journalism with authorship, writing some plays, mainly with a leaning towards comedy, and also such serious works as "Five Years of Tory Rule," which appeared in 1897 just before a Disraeli Government was succeeded by a Gladstone Cabinet. "Wm. Edward Forster, the Man and his policy," and sketches of the lives of Lord Salisbury and Sir Boville Grenville.

In 1888 he received the important appointment of London correspondent of the Birmingham Post, and in the same year published "Practical Politics, or the Liberalism of To-day." It was, however, his work as a London correspondent that brought him distinction. In the 35 years after his appointment he was in touch with politicians and statesmen of all parties and his "London letter" often attracted the attention of the political world.

Robbins's standard of journalism was high, and as the years went on the eminent men in the Houses of Parliament discovered that they could discuss the most delicate questions with him and rely on only a despatch to state their position in his paper. Among his various writings were sketches of the lives of Gladstone and Parnell. He was knighted in 1917.

On the professional side of journalism he was very active, being chairman of the London district of the Institute of Journalists in 1903, president of the Institute in 1908 and Vice-president of the Newspaper Fund in 1925.

As a Freemason he was made president of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England in 1913. In 1924 he made a tour of the United States as representative of the Grand Lodge, and in 1927 paid a similar visit to Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil.]

A NEW ARRIVAL.

JAPANESE STEAMER HERE FOR FIRST TIME.

Marking her first entry into this port, the Japanese steamer Unkai Maru No. 3 arrived in harbour at 9 p.m. on Monday. She left Otaru on February 28 and sailed from Keelung for Hongkong on March 7.

She is under the command of Capt. J. Tanaka, with a crew of 37 Japanese, and brought in about 3,000 tons of general cargo for this port. Her owners are Nakamura Gumi and Co., for whom Sato and Co. are the local agents.

Built in 1908 by A. Rodger and Co. at Port Glasgow, the Unkai Maru No. 3 was first named the Craigowan and later the Iskra. She is a steel screw steamer of 2,769 tons gross and 1,865 tons net, having a length of 114.4 feet, a beam of 14 feet and a depth of 20.7 feet. She is registered at Kinoye.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 23rd March 1931, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday, between the hours of 10 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage Period of one week. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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WHIST DRIVE.

SUCCESSFUL EVENING AT GUN CLUB HILL.

The members of the H.K.S. Bde R.A. (British Staff) Sergeants, Mess, Gun Club Hill, held a very successful Whist Drive and Social in the Mess on Friday last. Prizes were won by: Ladies.—1st, Mrs. Edridge; 2nd, Mrs. Lott; 3rd, Mrs. Houghton. Gents.—1st, Petty Officer Green, 2nd, S/Sgt. Pamela Godson; 3rd, Mr. Nichols. Much amusement was caused when Mrs. Houghton unpacked her prize. After many wrappings were removed, the Booby in the shape of a real "Cornish Pasty 16" x 7" was revealed.

An enjoyable Social followed the Drive, and songs were given by Mrs. Elkins, Messrs. Skipp, Hardy, Hill, Brimblecombe and Pamela Godson. All were accompanied by Mrs. Elkins and Webby.

The next Drive takes place on March 20.

PRIEST IN DANGER.

KIANGSI GOVERNMENT GIVES MONEY FOR BANDITS.

Peking, Mar. 10.
The Kiangsi Government has sent \$2,000 to the Catholic Mission which will be given to the bandits in order to avert the immediate murder of Father Tierney, of the Columbian's Mission, who was captured at Kienchang last November.

The bandits are still holding him, demanding \$11,000, and there is much anxiety, as he is believed to be in very poor health as a result of the hardships of his captivity.—Reuter.

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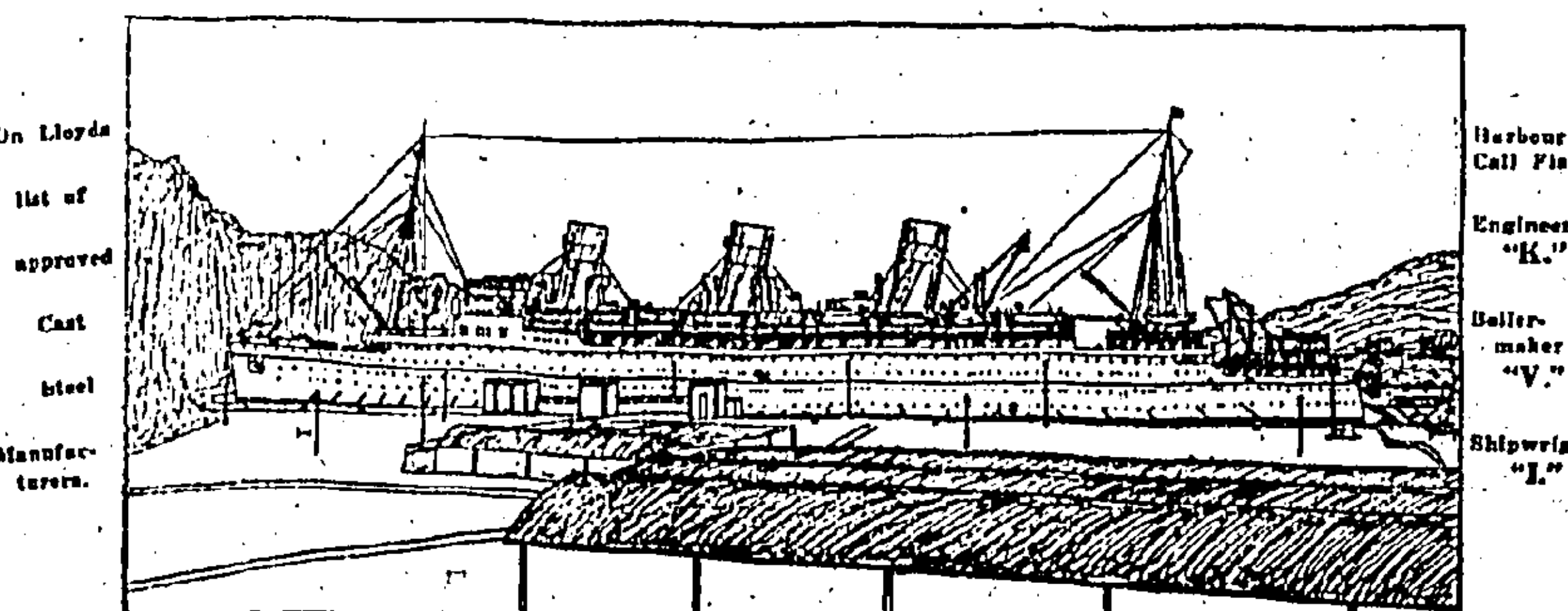
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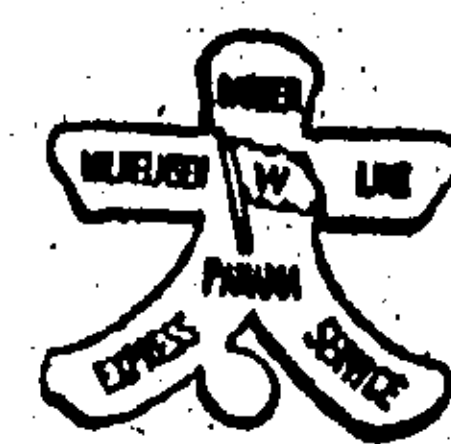


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RAWALPINDI	16,616	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	1st Apr.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	M's, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	16,586	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London
*SOUNDAN	—	2nd May.	M's, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
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TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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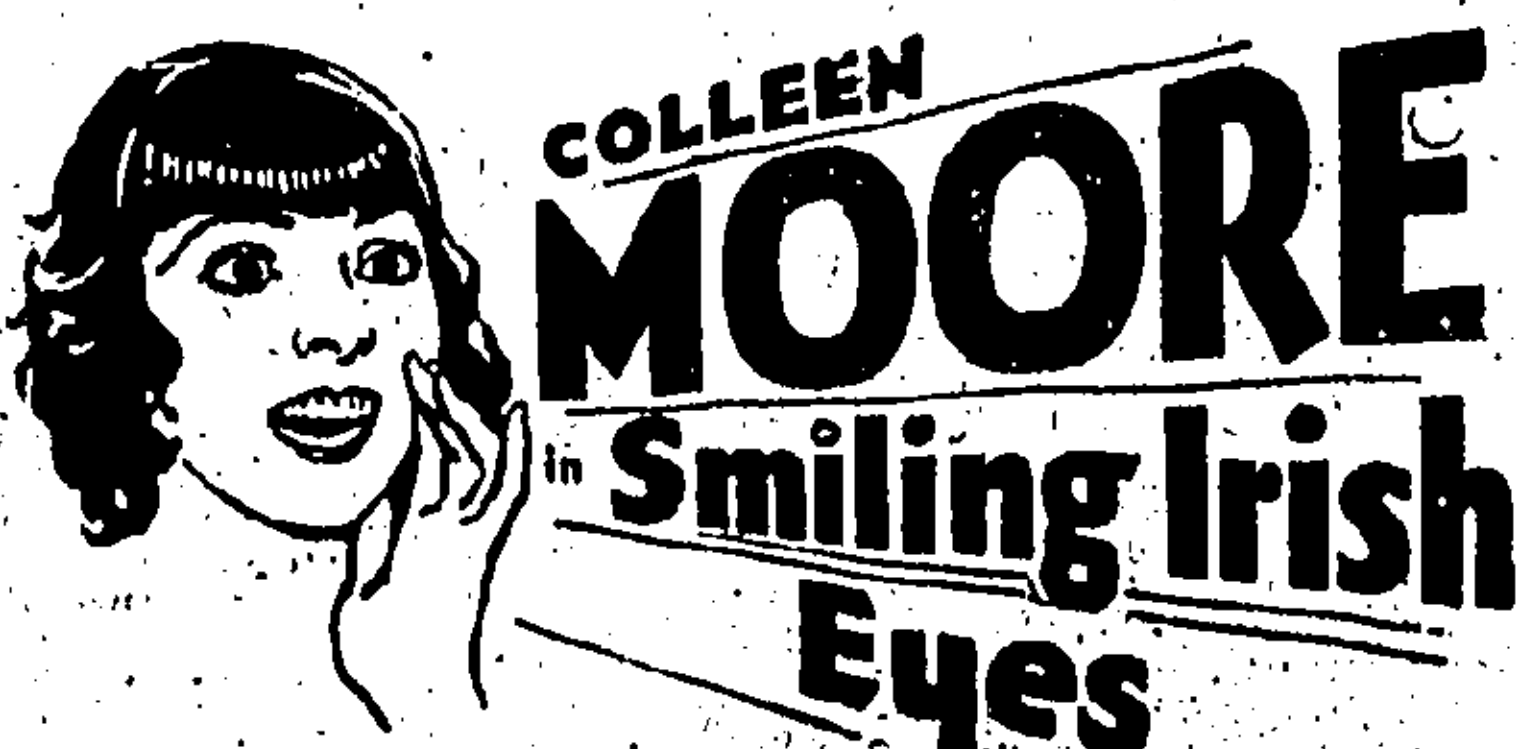
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London, Mar. 10. Introducing the army estimates for the next financial year, which at £39,980,000 show a reduction of £770,000, Mr. Tom Shaw, the War Minister, said that the closest attention had been paid to securing economy. There had been an increase in the number of recruits in the last few months, and a departmental committee was studying the question of filling the ranks of Officers. He hoped a method would be found for the promotion from the ranks of trained soldiers, with scientific knowledge, that modern conditions required.

In regard to military training for boys he proposed that the age recognition should be raised from thirteen to fifteen.

The numbers proposed in the estimates were unchanged said Mr. Shaw. He did not wish to make comparisons between nations but asked those interested to examine the condition of affairs as revealed in the League of Nations' Armaments Year Book. He thought there was no question that the enormous reduction made by Great Britain had not been reproduced in other countries.

It was impossible for him to recommend any further unilateral disarmament.

The figures were against it and experience was against it. They would do everything they could as a Government in order to bring about a reduction of armaments by international agreement, which would enable all countries to remove from their shoulders the crushing burden they now bear; but it was impossible to propose at the present moment a diminution in the numbers of the British Army.—British Wireless.

I. L. P. Amendment.

The House of Commons adopted the vote for Army personnel after an amendment by Miss Jennie Lee, on behalf of the Independent Labour Party, had been defeated by 216 votes to 19. The amendment aimed at a substantial reduction in numbers.

Referring to the conduct of soldiers, Mr. Tom Shaw said that three-quarters of the old-time drunkenness had gone, court-martials were decreasing annually, and the habits, character and education of the men had shown a marked improvement.—Reuter.

PROPOSED AIR MAIL TO AUSTRALIA.

SCHEME BEING CONSIDERED BY GOVERNMENTS.

London, Mar. 10. Discussing the extension of the air mail to Australia with a deputation of business men, the Air Minister, Lord Amulree, said the question had been discussed at the Imperial Conference and the proposals were now being considered by the Governments of India, the Straits Settlements and the Commonwealth.

The inauguration of the scheme depended on the financial support available.

The deputation urged the development of night air mails, the speeding up of air mails by the separation of passenger and mail traffic, and the operating of the mail service on a 24-hour schedule.—British Wireless.

LOCAL BANK SUED ON PROPERTY MORTGAGE DEAL.

SOME REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS.

DEMAND LETTER FIVE DAYS AFTER SALE!

GROSS UNDER-VALUE.

Remarkable allegations were made in an action concerning a mortgage to the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour Le Commerce et L'Industrie in order to secure an overdraft for Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh, which was commenced in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood), plaintiff alleging that the property had been wrongly sold at a gross under-value by the Banque.

Plaintiff is Mrs. Chu Shuk, widow, of No. 121, Caine Road, and she sues the Banque for \$42,000 damages. She alleges that by an indenture of mortgage, dated December 5, 1928, made between herself, Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh and defendant, she, as mortgagee, mortgaged to the defendant Banque Section "C" of Marine Lot No. 68 for the purpose of obtaining banking facilities for Mr. Pittendrigh.

Wrongfully Sold. She claims that the property was wrongfully sold by defendants as mortgagees on February 13, 1930, for \$24,000, and was re-sold on March 7 for \$42,000. In addition, she asks for an account from the mortgagees of all dealings with the property, and such further relief as the Court may see fit to grant.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellet, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton and Company, is for plaintiff, while Mr. E. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, is defending.

In opening his case, Mr. Potter said there were three issues involved. He explained that on December 5, 1928, plaintiff mortgaged certain property to defendant for the purpose of securing banking facilities for Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh, which were defined in the mortgage deed, and it was in connexion with that mortgage that the action had arisen.

Agent Appointed. Dealing with the first issue, Mr. Potter said the mortgage provided that no liability should attach either to the mortgagee or the mortgaged property unless, in each and every case, written consent or authority of the mortgagee had been obtained to the granting of any of the banking facilities mentioned in the mortgage.

The mortgagee was empowered to appoint an agent for the purpose of giving consents or authorities in writing, and she did, in fact, appoint her son-in-law, Dr. Shou Sun-tan, as her agent for this purpose.

Plaintiff's case was that, in fact, no written authorities or consents were given.

In the defence, the answer to that point was that the consents or authorities were given by Dr. Shou in signing cheques drawn on the account of Messrs. Pittendrigh and Company. Counsel commented that his Lordship would have to decide whether those signatures amounted to such consents, as plaintiff contended they did not.

Alternative Plea. The second issue was an alternative plea, that if there was any

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The Hague, Mar. 10. The Upper Chamber to-day voted a sum of four and a half million florins as a subsidy to the potato starch industry.—Reuter.

liability attached to the mortgaged property at any time, which plaintiff denied, there had been wrongful exercise of the power of sale, for two reasons. The first was that no notice was given, as provided by the mortgage deed, in writing to the mortgagor herself, with a subsequent default of one month, or, alternatively, that no reasonable notice was given.

The defence, on that point, said defendant denied that the sale was any breach of any relevant covenant of the mortgage deed. They also denied that they had sold the property without having made a demand as stipulated in the indenture, or that they had failed to give reasonable notice. Counsel said he would submit that there was no denial that plaintiff was entitled to a demand or reasonable notice. There was no allegation that plaintiff was not entitled to the notice she had pleaded.

Gross Under-Value.

Mr. Potter explained the third issue was that the property had been sold at gross under-value. That point, however, would not arise at all if the first two issues were answered in favour of plaintiff.

Counsel went on to say that after the date of the mortgage, December 5, 1928, no communication passed between defendant Bank and plaintiff until February 13, 1930, when a letter was received demanding the sum of \$401.45, the amount of interest due on the overdraft granted by the bank to Mr. W. M. Pittendrigh under the mortgage. The letter stated that unless the amount was paid forthwith, the power of sale would be exercised.

After explaining that plaintiff had never received any letter regarding the principal, and that the above was the only letter received dealing with interest, counsel said that plaintiff's solicitors replied immediately amount forthwith, together with interest, and asked for an account showing the amount due. The reply stated that the letter arrived too late, as the mortgage had already sold the property.

Plaintiff Amazed.

"Our client was amazed at this information," said Mr. Potter, who continued that the liability due under the mortgage was \$21,581.89, the property being sold for \$24,000. He pointed out that when the letter demanding interest on February 13 was written, the property had already been sold on February 8, five days previously. That was a remarkable position and he would submit that there had been no notice at all. It was, he said, nothing more than a farce to send a notice threatening sale of the property when, in fact, the property had already been sold five days previously.

Counsel added that, subject to the contention of the defence, that certain cheques signed by Dr. Shou were consents and authorities within the meaning of the mortgage, there were no other consents and authorities in writing at all.

Mr. Potter then went on to deal with the terms of the mortgage. The case is proceeding.

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